J

INTRODUCTION & DICTIONARY

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1: INTRODUCTION

J is a general-purpose programming language available as shareware on a wide variety of computers. Although it has a simple structure, is treated completely in a thirty-five page dictionary, and is readily learned by anyone familiar with mathematical notions and notation, its distinctive features may make it difficult for anyone familiar with more conventional programming languages.

This book is designed to introduce J in a manner that makes it easily accessible to programmers, by emphasizing those aspects that distinguish it from other languages. These include:

- 1. A mnemonic one- or two-character spelling for primitives.
- 2. No order-of-execution hierarchy among functions.
- 3. The systematic use of *ambivalent* functions that, like the minus sign in arithmetic, can denote one function when used with two arguments (*subtraction* in the case of -), and another when used with one argument (*negation* in the case of -).
- 4. The adoption of terms from English grammar that better fit the grammar of J than do the terms commonly used in mathematics and in programming languages. Thus, a function such as addition is also called a *verb* (because it performs an action), and an entity that modifies a verb (not available in most programming languages) is accordingly called an *adverb*.
- 5. The systematic use of adverbs and conjunctions to modify verbs, so as to provide a rich set of operations based upon a rather small set of verbs. For example, +/a denotes the sum over a list a, and */a denotes the product over a, and a */ b is the multiplication table of a and b.
- **6.** The treatment of vectors, matrices, and other arrays as single entities.
- 7. The use of functional or tacit programming that requires no explicit mention of the arguments of a function (program) being defined, and the simple use of assignment to assign names to functions (as in sum=. +/ and mean=. sum % #).

The following lessons are records of actual J sessions, accompanied by commentary that should be read only after studying the corresponding session (and perhaps experimenting with variations on the computer). The lessons should be studied with a J system at hand. The reckless reader may go directly to the sample topics on page 31.

2: MNEMONICS

The left side of the page shows an actual computer session with the result of each sentence shown at the left margin. First cover the comments at the right, and then attempt to state in English the meaning of each primitive so as to make clear the relations between related symbols. For example, "< is less than" and "< is lesser of (that is, minimum)". Then uncover the comments and compare with your own.

7<5	Less than
0	A zero is interpreted as false.
7<.5	Lesser of
5	
7>5	Greater than
1	A one is true (à la George Boole)
7>.5	Greater of
7	
10^3	Power (à la Augustus de Morgan)
1000	
10^.1000	Logarithm
3	
7=5	Equals
0	
b=. 5	Is (assignment or copula)
7<. b	
3	
Min=. <.	Min is <.
power=. ^	power is ^
gt=. >	gt is >
10 power (5 M	din 3)
1000	

Exercises for all lessons begin on page 45.

Do the exercises for this lesson.

3: AMBIVALENCE

Cover the comments on the	right and provide your own.
7-5 2	The function in the sentence 7-5 applies to two arguments to perform subtraction, but in the sentence -5 it
-5 _5	applies to a single argument to perform negation. Adopting from chemistry the term valence, we say that the
7%5 1.4	symbol – is <i>ambivalent</i> , its effective binding power being determined by context. The ambivalence of – is
\$ 5	familiar in arithmetic; it is here
0.2	extended to other functions.
3^2 9	
-	Form and distribution of the second
^2 7.38906	Exponential (that is, 2.71828^2)
a=. i. 5	The function integer or integer list
a=. 1. 5 a	The function integer or integer list
0 1 2 3 4	List or vector
a i. 3 1	The function index or index of
3 1	
b=. 'Canada'	Enclosing quotes denote literal
bi. 'da'	characters
4 1	01 0 0
\$ a.	Shape function
3 4 \$ a	Reshape function
0 1 2 3	Table or matrix
4 0 1 2	
3 4 0 1	
3 4 \$ b	
Cana daCa	
nada	
%a	Functions apply to lists
_ 1 0.5 0.333333 0.25	_ alone denotes infinity

4: VERBS AND ADVERBS

In the sentence &a of Lesson 3, the & "acts upon" a to produce a result, and &a is therefore analogous to the notion in English of a verb acting upon a noun or pronoun. We will hereafter adopt the term verb instead of (or in addition to) the mathematical term function used thus far.

The sentence +/ 1 2 3 4 is equivalent to 1+2+3+4; the adverb / applies to its verb argument + to produce a new verb whose argument is 1 2 3 4, and which is defined by inserting the verb + between the items of its argument. Other arguments of the insert adverb are treated similarly:

```
*/b=.2 7 1 8 2 8
1792
<./b
1
>./b
```

The verb resulting from the application of an adverb may (like a primitive verb) have both monadic and dyadic cases. In the present instance of / the dyadic case produces a *table*. For example:

```
2 3 5 +/ 0 1 2 3
2 3 4 5
3 4 5 6
5 6 7 8
```

The verbs over=. ({.;}.)@":@, and by=. ' '&;@,.@[,.] can be entered as utilities (for use rather than for immediate study), and can clarify the interpretation of function tables such as the addition table produced above. For example:

```
a=. 2 3 5
b=. 0 1 2 3
a by b over a +/ b
0 1 2 3
2 2 3 4 5
```

3 4 5 6 5 6 7 8

	ŀ	o 1	Эy	b	over	Þ	</th <th>Þ</th>	Þ
	0	1	2	3				
	<u> </u>							

Due to its two uses, the adverb / is often called either *insert* or table.

Do the exercises for this lesson.

5: PUNCTUATION

English employs various symbols to *punctuate* a sentence, to indicate the order in which its phrases are to be interpreted. Thus:

The teacher said he was stupid.

The teacher, said he, was stupid.

Math also employs various devices (primarily parentheses) to specify order of interpretation or, as it is usually called, *order of execution*. It also employs a set of rules for an unparenthesized phrase, including a hierarchy amongst functions. For example, *power* is executed before *times*, which is executed before *addition*.

J uses only parentheses for punctuation, together with the following rules for unparenthesized phrases:

The right argument of a verb is the value of the entire phrase to its right.

Adverbs are applied first. Thus, the phrase a */ b is equivalent to a (*/) b, not to a (*/b).

For example:

```
a=.5
b=.3
(a*a)+(b*b)
34
a*a+b*b
70
a*(a+(b*b))
70
(a+b)*(a-b)
16
a (+*-) b
```

The last sentence above includes the *isolated* phrase +*- which has thus far not been assigned a meaning. It is called a *trident* or *fork*, and is equivalent to the sentence that precedes it.

A fork also has a monadic meaning, as illustrated for the mean below:

6: FORKS

As illustrated in the preceding lesson, an isolated sequence of three verbs is called a *fork*; its monadic and dyadic cases are defined by:

The diagrams at the upper right provide visual images of the fork. Before reading the notes at the right (and by using the facts that *: denotes the *root* function and 1 denotes the *identity* function), try to state in English the significance of each of the following sentences:

```
a=. 8 7 6 5 4 3
   b=. 4 5 6 7 8 9
                                Square root of b
2 2.23607 2.44949 2.64575 2.82843 3
                                Cube root of b
   3 %: b
1.5874 1.70998 1.81712 1.91293 2 2.08008
                                Arithmetic mean or average
   (+/ % #) b
6.5
                                Geometric mean
   (# %: */) b
6.26521
                                Centre on mean (two forks)
   (] - (+/ * #)) b
2,5 1.5 0.5 0.5 1.5 2.5
                                Two forks (fewer parentheses)
   (] - +/ * #) b
_2.5 _1.5 _0.5 0.5 1.5 2.5
                                Dyadic case of fork
   a (+ * -) b
48 24 0 24 48 72
(a^2) - (b^2)
48 24 0 _24 _48 _72
                                Less than or equal
   a (< +. =) b
001111
   a<b
000111
   a=b
001000
                                A tautology (<: is less than
   a (<: = < +, =) b
                                or equal)
111111
                Do the exercises for this lesson.
```

7: PROGRAMS

A program handed out at a musical evening describes the sequence of musical pieces to be performed. As suggested by its roots gram and pro, a program is something written in advance of the events it prescribes.

Similarly, the fork +/ * # of the preceding lesson is a program that prescribes the computation of the mean of its argument when it is applied, as in the sentence (+/ * #) b. However, we would not normally call the procedure a program until we assign a name to it, as illustrated below:

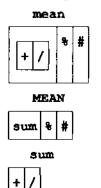
```
mean=. +/ % #
mean 2 3 4 5 6
4
(geomean=. # %: */) 2 3 4 5 6
3.72792
```

Since the program mean is a new verb, we also refer to a sentence such as mean=. +/ * # as verb definition (or definition), and to the resulting verb as a defined verb or function.

Defined verbs can be used in the definition of further verbs in a manner sometimes referred to as *structured programming*. For example:

```
MEAN=. sum % #
sum=. +/
MEAN 2 3 4 5 6
```

Entry of a verb alone (without an argument) displays its definition. For example:



8: BOND CONJUNCTION

A dyad such as ^ can be used to provide a family of monadic functions. For example:

]b=. i.7 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 b^2

Squares

0 1 4 9 16 25 36

b^3

Cubes

0 1 8 27 64 125 216

b^0.5

Square roots

0 1 1,41421 1,73205 2 2,23607 2,44949

The bond conjunction & can be used to bind an argument to a dyad in order to produce a corresponding defined verb. For example:

square=. ^&2

Square function (power and 2)

square b

0 1 4 9 16 25 36

(sqrt=. ^&0.5) b

Square root function

0 1 1.41421 1.73205 2 2.23607 2.44949

A left argument can be similarly bound:

Log=. 10&^.

Base-10 Logarithm

Log 2 4 6 8 10 100 1000

0.30103 0.60206 0.778151 0.90309 1 2 3

Such defined verbs can of course be used in forks. For example:

in29=. 2&< *. <&9

Interval test

in29 0 1 2 5 8 13 21

0 0 0 1 1 0 0

IN29=, in29 #]

Interval selection

IN29 0 1 2 5 8 13 21

8

LOE=. <+.=

5 LOE 3 4 5 6 7

0 0 1 1 1

integertest=. <. =]</pre>

The monad <. is the

integertest 0 0.5 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 integer part or floor

1010101

int=. integertest

int (i.13) \$3

1001001001001

9: ATOP CONJUNCTION

The conjunction @ applies to two verbs to produce a verb that is equivalent to applying the first atop the second. For example:

```
TriplePowersOf2=. (36*)@(26^)
TriplePowersOf2 0 1 2 3 4
3 6 12 24 48
CubeOfDiff=. (^63)@-
3 4 5 6 CubeOfDiff 6 5 4 3
_27 _1 1 27
```

f=, ^@-5 f 3 7.38906

f 3 0.0497871

g=. -0^ 5 g 3 _125 g 3 20.0855 The first function is applied monadically; the second is applied dyadically if possible.

A conjunction, like an adverb, is executed before verbs. Moreover, the *left* argument of either is the entire verb phrase that precedes it. Consequently, some (but not all) of the parentheses in the foregoing definitions can be omitted. For example:

```
COD=. ^&3@-
3 4 5 6 COD 6 5 4 3
_27 _1 1 27
TPO2=. 3&*@(2&^)
TPO2 0 1 2 3 4
3 6 12 24 48
```

tpo2=. 3&*@2&^ domain error An error because the conjunction e is defined only for a *verb* right argument

10: VOCABULARY

Memorizing lists of words is a tedious and ineffectual way to learn a language, and better techniques should be employed:

- A) Conversation with a laconic native speaker, that is, one that allows you to do most of the talking.
- B) Reading material of interest in its own right.
- C) Learning how to use dictionaries and grammars so as to become independent of teachers.
- D) Attempting to write on any topic of interest in itself.
- E) Paying attention to the *structure* of words so that known words will provide clues to the unknown. For example, *program* (already analyzed) is related to *tele* (far off) *gram*, which is in turn related to *telephone*. Even tiny words may possess informative structure: *atom* means not cuttable, from a (not) and *tom* (as in *tome* and *microtome*).

In the case of J:

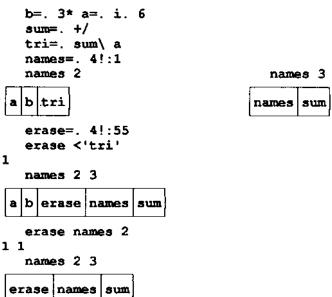
- A) The computer provides for precise and general conversation.
- B) Texts such as *Tangible Math* [1] and *Arithmetic* [2] use the language in a variety of topics.
- C) The appended Dictionary of J provides a complete and concise dictionary and grammar.
- D) Programming in J [3] provides guidance in writing programs, and most any topic provides problems of a wide range of difficulty.
- E) Words possess considerable structure, as in +: and -: and *: and *: for double, halve, square, and square root. Moreover, a beginner can assign and use mnemonic names appropriate to any native language, as in sqrt=.*: and entier=.<. (French) and sin=.150. and sind=.150.@(%\$180@o.) (for sine in degrees).

We will hereafter introduce and use new primitives with little or no discussion, assuming that the reader will experiment with them on the computer, consult the dictionary to determine their meanings, or perhaps infer their meanings from their structure.

For example, the appearance of the word o. suggests a circle; it was used dyadically above to define the sine (one of the circular functions), and monadically for the function pi times.

11: HOUSEKEEPING

In an extended session it may be difficult to remember the names assigned to verbs and nouns; the *foreign* conjunction !: (detailed in Appendix D of the dictionary) provides facilities for displaying and erasing them. For example:



It is also useful to be able to *save* a record of a session (that is, a record of all names and their referents) in a specified *locale*. Thus:

```
copy=. 2!:4
save=. 2!:2
save <'abc'

erase names 2 3

1 1 1 1 1
sum

value error
   2!:4 <'abc'

names 2 3

copy erase names save sum</pre>
```

12: POWER AND INVERSE

The power conjunction ^: is analogous to the power function ^ . For example:

```
a=.10^b=. i.5
1 10 100 1000 10000
  b
0 1 2 3 4
   8:a
1 3.16228 10 31.6228 100
   8: 8: a
1 1.77828 3.16228 5.62341 10
   %: ^: 2 a
1 1.77828 3.16228 5.62341 10
   %: ^: 3 a
1 1.33352 1.77828 2.37137 3.16228
   %: ^: b a
1
       10
              100
                     1000
                             10000
1 3.16228
               10 31,6228
                               100
1 1.77828 3.16228 5.62341
1 1.33352 1.77828 2.37137 3.16228
1 1.15478 1.33352 1.53993 1.77828
   (\cos = . 260.) ^: b d=.1
1 0.540302 0.857553 0.65429 0.79348
   ] y=. cos ^: d
0.739085
  y=cos y
1
```

Successive applications of cos appear to be converging to a limiting value; the infinite power (cos ^: _) yields this limit.

A right argument of _1 produces the inverse function. Thus:

```
%; ^; 1 b
0 1 4 9 16
   *: b
0 1 4 9 16
      ^: (-b) b
        2
                   3
0 1
0 1
                    9
                             16
0 1
       16
                  81
0 1
      256
                6561
                          65536
0 1 65536 4.30467e7 4.29497e9
```

13: READING AND WRITING

Cover the right side of the page and make a serious attempt to translate the sentences on the left to English; that is, state succinctly in English what the verb defined by each sentence does. Use any available aids, including the dictionary and experimentation on the computer:

f1=. <;	Decrement (monad); Less or equal		
f2=. f1&9	Less or equal 9		
f3=. f2 *. >:&2	Interval test 2 to 9 (inclusive)		
f4=. f3 *. <. =]	In 2 to 9 and integer		
f5=. f3 +. <. =]	In 2 to 9 or integer		
g1=. %&1.8	Divide by 1.8		
g2=, g1^:_1	Multiply by 1.8		
g3=&32	Subtract 32		
g4=. g3^:_1	Add 32		
g5=. g1@g3	Celsius from Fahrenheit		
g6=. g5^:_1	Fahrenheit from Celsius		
h1=. >./	Maximum over list (monad)		
h2=. h1-<./	Spread. Try h2 b with a parabole b=. (-62 * -63) -:i.12		
h3=. h1@]-i.@[*h2@]%<:	9[Grid. Try 10 h3 b		
h4=. h3 <:/]	Barchart, Try 10 h4 b		
h5=. {&' *' @ h4	Barchart. Try 10 h5 b		

After entering the foregoing definitions, enter each verb name alone to display its definition, and learn to interpret the resulting displays.

Cover the left side of the page, and translate the English definitions on the right back into J.

14: FORMAT

A numeric table such as:

```
]t=.(i.4 5) %3
0 0.333333 0.666667 1 1.33333
1.66667 2 2.33333 2.66667 3
3.33333 3.66667 4 4.33333 4.66667
5 5.33333 5.66667 6 6.33333
```

can be rendered more readable by *formatting* it to appear with a specified width for each column, and with a specified number of digits following the decimal point. For example:

```
]f=. 6.2 ": t
0.00 0.33 0.67 1.00 1.33
1.67 2.00 2.33 2.67 3.00
3.33 3.67 4.00 4.33 4.67
5.00 5.33 5.67 6.00 6.33
```

The integer part of the left argument of the format function specifies the column width, and the first digit of the fractional part specifies the number of digits to follow the decimal point.

Although the formatted table *looks* much like the original table t, it is a table of *characters*, not of numbers. For example:

```
$t
4 5
$f
4 30
+/t
10 11.3333 12.6667 14 15.3333
+/f
domain error
```

However, the verb do or execute (".) applied to such a character table yields a corresponding numeric table:

```
0 0.33 0.67
1.67 2 2.33 2.67
         4 4.33 4.67
3.33 3.67
  5 5.33 5.67
                6 6.33
  3* ". f
     0.99
           2.01
                    3
5.01
           6.99
                 8.01
9.99 11.01
             12 12.99 14.01
  15 15.99 17.01
                   18 18.99
```

15: PARTITIONS

The function sum=. +/ applies to an entire list argument; to compute partial sums or subtotals, it is necessary to apply it to each prefix of the argument. For example:

The symbol \ denotes the *prefix* adverb, which applies its argument (in this case sum) to each prefix of the eventual argument. The adverb \. applies similarly to suffixes:

21

The monad < simply *boxes* its arguments, and the verbs <\ and <\. therefore show the effects of partitions with great clarity. For example:

The oblique adverb /. partitions a table along diagonal lines. Thus

16: DEFINED ADVERBS

Names may be assigned to adverbs, as they are to nouns and verbs:

	•					
a	ab	abc	abcd	abcde	abcdef	abcdefg

Moreover, new adverbs result from a string of adverbs (such as /\), and from a conjunction together with one of its arguments. Such adverbs can be *defined* by assigning names. For example:

```
InsertPrefix=. /\
   + InsertPrefix a
1 3 6 10 15
   with3=. 43
   % with3 a
0.333333 0.666667 1 1.33333 1.66667
   ^ with3 a
1 8 27 64 125
   inverse=. ^: 1
   *: inverse a
1 1,41421 1,73205 2 2,23607
   ten=. 10&
   ^, ten 5 10 20 100
0.69897 1 1.30103 2
   #. ten 3 6 5
365
```

The adverb ~ commutes or crosses the connections to its argument verb, as illustrated below:

```
3-5

2
3-~5
Three from five

3%~5
Three into five
```

The monad f~ replicates its argument to provide both arguments to the dyad f. For example:

17: WORD FORMATION

The interpretation of a written English sentence begins with word formation. The basic process is based on spaces to separate the sentence into units, but is complicated by matters such as apostrophes and punctuation marks: 'twas and Brown's and Ross' are each single units, but however, is not (since the comma is a separate unit).

The following lists of characters represent sentences in **J**, and can be executed by applying the *do* or *execute* function ".:

```
m=. '3 %: y.'
d=. 'x.%: y.'
x.=. 4
y.=. 27 4096
". m
3 16
do=. ".
do d
2.27951 8
```

The word formation rules of **J** are prescribed in Section I of the dictionary. Moreover, the word-formation function ; : can be applied to the string representing a sentence to produce a boxed list of its words:



The rhematic rules of J apply reasonably well to English phrases: words p=. 'Nobly, nobly, Cape St. Vincent'

```
Nobly , nobly , Cape St. Vincent
```

```
>words p
Nobly
,
nobly
,
Cape
St.
```

Vincent

18: NAMES

In addition to the normal names used thus far, there are four further classes:

- 1) \$: is used for self-reference, allowing a verb to be defined recursively without necessarily assigning a name to it. Its use is discussed in Lesson 23.
- 2) The names x. and y. and \$. are used in explicit definition, discussed in Lesson 19. The first two denote the arguments used in explicit definition, and the last denotes the list (or *suite*) that controls the sequence of execution of the set of sentences specified in the definition.
- 3) A name ending with a colon is a *given* name whose referent once assigned cannot be changed. For example:

```
months:=. 31 28 31 30 31 30 31 30 31 30 31
+/months:
365
  months:=. months: + 1=i.12
not reassignable
```

4) A name that includes an underbar (_) is a *locative*. Names used in a *locale* **F** can be referred to in another locale **G** by using the prefix **F** in a locative name of the form **F_pqr**, thus avoiding conflict with otherwise identical names in the locale **G**.

The referent of a locative can be established in either of two ways:

- a) By assignment, as in F_pqr=. i. 5.
- b) By saving a session in the manner discussed in Lesson 11; the names established in the session can thereafter be referred to by using the locale as a prefix in a locative name. For example:

```
names=. 4!:1
copy=. 2!:4
save=. 2!:2
save <'TOOLS'

4!:55 names 3

1 1 1
   TOOLS_copy <'TOOLS'

names 3

copy names save</pre>
```

19: EXPLICIT DEFINITION

The character lists:

that were analyzed and executed as sentences in Lesson 17, can be used with the *explicit definition* conjunction: to produce a verb:

```
roots=. m : d
roots 27 4096
3 16
4 roots 27 4096
2.27951 8
```

The space before the colon is essential because it would otherwise combine with the m to produce the word m: as illustrated by using the word formation function:

The arguments of the conjunction: may also be tables or boxed lists representing a number of sentences. These sentences are selected in an order determined by the *suite* \$. which is initially set to i.n, where n is the number of sentences. Execution terminates when the elements of the suite are exhausted, and the result of the function defined is the result of the last sentence executed.

Except for the fact that it is local to the function being defined, \$. behaves like an ordinary noun, and can be re-assigned a new value at any point:

```
b=. 'r=. y.';'$.=. x.#2';'r=. r,+/_2{.r'
fib=. '' : b
6 fib 1 1
1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21
fib

: r=. y.
$.=. x.#2
r=. r,+/_2{.r}
```

Explicit definition of adverbs and conjunctions occurs in exercises.

Do the exercises for this lesson.

20: TACIT EQUIVALENTS

Verbs may be defined either explicitly or tacitly. In the case of a onesentence explicit definition, of either a monadic or dyadic case, the corresponding tacit definition may be obtained by using the adverb :20 as illustrated below:

```
s=. '(+/y.) % (#y.)'
mean=. s : ''

mean

(+/y.) % (#y.) :

(mean = MEAN) ?20#100
```

The tacit definition produced by :20 is not necessarily the briefest possible. For example, enter m=. +/*# and use and display m.

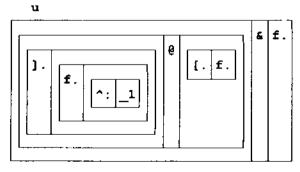
The explicit form of definition is likely to be more familiar to computer programmers than the tacit form. Translations provided by the adverb: 22 may therefore be helpful in learning tacit programming.

An explicit definition of a conjunction may be translated similarly by the adverb: 12. For example:

```
s=. 'y.f.^:_1 @ (x.f.)&(y.f.)'
under=. s : 2
times=. + under ^.
3 times 4

12
3 + (u=. s : 22) ^. 4

12
```



3 + (UNDER=. (].(^:_1))@([.&].)) ^. 4

Do the exercises for this lesson.

21: RANK

The shape (\$), tally (#), and rank (#\$), of a noun are illustrated by the noun report, which may be construed as a report covering two years of four quarters of three months each:

```
]report=. i. 2 4 3
 0
   1
       2
                               $report
 3
    4
       5
                            2 4 3
 6
    7
       8
                               #report
 9 10 11
                            2
                               #$report
12 13 14
                            3
15 16 17
18 19 20
21 22 23
```

The last k axes determine a k-cell of a noun; the 0-cells of report are the atoms (such as 4 and 14), the 1-cells are the three-element quarterly reports, and the two-cells (or $major\ cells$ or items) are the two four-by-three yearly reports.

The rank conjunction " is used in the phrase f"k to apply a function f to each of the k-cells of its argument. For example:

```
,report
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23
,"2 report
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23
<0i. s=. 2 5

0 1 2 3 4
5 6 7 8 9
```

Both the left and right ranks of a dyad may be specified. For example:

22: GERUND AND AGENDA

In English, a *gerund* is a noun that carries the force of a verb, as does the noun *cooking* in the phrase the art of cooking; and agenda is a list of items for action.

The *tie* conjunction applies to two verbs to form a gerund, from which elements can be chosen for execution. For example, if the agenda conjunction 2. is applied to a gerund, its verb right argument provides the results that choose the elements. For example:

```
g=. +`^
a=.<
2 a 3

1
2 g@.a 3

8
3 g@.a 2

5
+:`-:`*:`%: @. (4&|@<.)"0 i. 10

0 0.5 4 1.73205 8 2.5 36 2.64575 16 4.5
```

The verb produced by ge.a is often called a case or case statement, since it selects one of the "cases" of the gerund for execution.

The *insert* adverb / applies to a gerund in a manner analogous to its application to a verb. For example:

```
c=.3 [ x=. 4 [ power=. _1
    g/ c,x,power
3.25
    3+x^_1
3.25
```

The elements of the gerund are repeated as required. For example:

```
+`*/1,x,3,x,3,x,1
```

The last sentence above corresponds to Horner's efficient evaluation of the polynomial with coefficients 1 3 3 1 and argument x.

23: RECURSION

The factorial function ! is commonly defined by the statement that factorial of n is n times factorial of n-1, and by the further statement that factorial of 0 is 1. Such a definition is called *recursive*, because the function being defined recurs in its definition.

A case statement can be used to make a recursive definition, the case that employs the function under definition being chosen repeatedly until the terminating case is encountered. For example:

```
factorial=. 1:\()*factorial@<:) @. *
factorial "0 i.6
1 1 2 6 24 120</pre>
```

In the sentence (sum=. +/) i.5 the verb defined by the phrase +/ is assigned a name before being used, but in the sentence +/ i.5 it is used anonymously.

In the definition of **factorial** above, it was essential to assign a name to make it possible to refer to it within the definition. However, the word \$: provides self-reference that permits anonymous recursive definition. For example:

```
1:`(]*$:@<:) @. * "0 i. 6
1 1 2 6 24 120
```

24: ITERATION

The repetition of a process, or of a sequence of similar processes, is called *iteration*. Much iteration is implicit, as in */b and a*/b, and a*b; explicit iteration is provided by the power conjunction ^::

The example cos^:_ illustrates the fact that infinite iteration is meaningful (i.e., terminates) if the process applied converges to a limit.

Controlled iteration of a process p is provided by p^:q, where the result of q determines the number of applications of p performed before again applying q. A zero result from q terminates the process.

For example, to add to a beginning value 3 the sum of successive negative powers of 4, beginning with 1, and continuing as long as the ratio of the sum to the next power exceeds 1000:

```
f=. +`^/ , 1&{ , <:@{:
g=. 1000&>@(&`^/)
f 3,4,_1 {.@(f^:g) 3 4 _1
3.25 4 _2 3.33203
```

If f is a continuous function, and if f i and f j differ in sign, then there must be a *root* f between i and f such that f f is zero; the list f is said to *bracket* a root. A narrower bracket is provided by the mean of f together with that element of f whose result differs in sign from its result. Thus:

```
(f=.46-0%:) 16, s=.134
0 3 _1.83095
                                   sos=.m ~:&(*@f) ]
   m=. +/%#
                                   sos s Select opposite sign
   fms
 0.1833
   (br=. m, sos # ])^:0 1 2 3 s
   17.5
   9.25 17.5
 13,375 17.5
   br^: s
16 \ 16 \ 1\overline{6}
                                       Select none if signs are
   BR=. m, (=/ < ])@sos # ]
                                       equal (i.e., converged)
   BR^: s
```

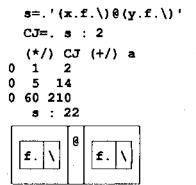
25: TRAINS

The train of nouns in the English phrase Ontario museum Egyptian collection represents a single noun. Similarly, the fork and hook discussed in Lesson 6 and its exercises permit the use of arbitrarily long trains of verbs to produce a verb.

Lesson 16 introduced the use of trains of adverbs, and of conjunctions and nouns or verbs, to represent adverbs. *Conjunctions* may also be produced by trains of adverbs and conjunctions in a manner analogous to hooks and forks.

For example, the case diagrammed on the right below can be used as follows:

The explicit form of defining conjunctions treated in the exercises of Lesson 19 can be used to produce an equivalent conjunction c_J as shown below. The corresponding tacit definition produced by s: 22 can be simplified to the form used in defining c_J above:



26: PERMUTATIONS

Anagrams are familiar examples of the important notion of permutations:

```
w=. 'STOP'
3 2 0 1 { w
POST
2 3 1 0 { w
OPTS
3 0 2 1 { w
PSOT
```

The left arguments of { above are themselves permutations of the list i.4, and are examples of permutation vectors, used to represent permutation functions in the form p&{.

If p is a permutation vector, the phrase psc. also represents the permutation ps(. However, other cases of the cycle function c. are distinct from the from function (. In particular, c. p yields the cycle representation of the permutation p. For example:

Each of the boxed elements of a cycle specify a list of positions that cycle among themselves; in the example above, the element from position 3 moves to position 4, element 1 moves to 3, and element 4 to 1.

Ç. c

If all !n permutations of order n are listed in a table in increasing order (when considered as base-n numbers), they can be identified by their row indices i.!n. This index is the *atomic* representation of the permutation; the corresponding permutation is effected by the function A.:

1 A. 'ABCDE'	A. 0 1 2 4 3
ABCED	1
(i.!3) A. i.3	(i.!3) A. 'ABC'
0 1 2	ABC
0 2 1	ACB
1 0 2	BAC
1 2 0	BCA
2 0 1	CAB
2 1 0	CBA

27: LINEAR FUNCTIONS

A function f is said to be *linear* if f(x+y) equals (fx)+(fy) for all arguments f and f. For example:

A linear function can be defined equivalently as follows: f is linear if f0:+ and f4 are equivalent. For example:

If f is a linear function, then f y can be expressed as the matrix product mpan y, where

```
mp=. +/. *
M=. f I=. =/~i.#y I is an identity matrix
mp&M y f y
6 4 22 14 10 6 4 22 14 10
```

Conversely, if m is any square matrix of order #y, then mamp is a linear function on y, and if m is invertible, then (%.m) amp is its inverse:

x=.1 2 3 [y=. 2 3 5

]m=. ? 3 3\$9

28: OBVERSE AND UNDER

The result of $f^:_1$ is called the *obverse* of the function f; if $f=_g$:. f, this obverse is f, and it is otherwise an inverse of f. Inverses are provided for over 25 primitives (including the case of the square root illustrated in Lesson 12), as well as invertible monads such as -63 and 106° . and 260° . Moreover, 100° is given by $(v^*:_1) (100^{\circ})$. For example:

```
ffc=. (325+)@(*61.8)
]b=.ffc _40 0 100
_40 32 212

cff=. ffc^:_1
cff b
_40 0 100
```

The result of the phrase f g is the verb $(g^*:1)$ g (f f f g). The function g can be viewed as *preparation* (which is done before and undone after) for the application of the "main" function f. For example:

```
b=. 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 0
   sup=. </\
                                 Suppress ones after the first
   sup b
0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
                                 Suppress ones before the last
   |, sup |. b
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0
   sup&. |. b
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0
                                 Multiply by applying the
   3 +&.^. 4
                                 exponential to the sum of
12
                                 logarithms
   (^{1}, 3) + (^{1}, 4)
2.48491
   ^ (^.3)+(^.4)
12
   ]c=. 1 2 3;4 5;6 7 8
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
                                 Open, reverse, and then box
    1.8.> c
 3 2 1 5 4 8 7 6
```

29: IDENTITY FUNCTIONS

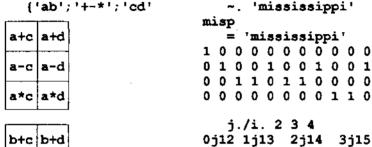
The monads 06+ and 861 are identity functions, and 0 and 1 are said to be identity elements of the dyads + and 8 respectively. Insertion on an empty list yields the identity element of the dyad inserted. For example:

These results are useful in partitioning lists; they ensure that certain obvious relations continue to hold even when one of the partitions is empty. For example:

30: EXPERIMENTS

Although this introduction is not exhaustive, it should prepare the reader to understand and use the appended dictionary of J, which is. The following examples suggest experiments that might prove interesting to pursue in the dictionary:

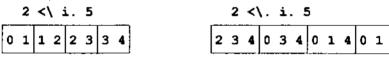
VERBS



b+c	b+d	
b-c	b-d	
b*c	b*d	

0j12 1j13 2j14 3j15 4j16 5j17 6j18 7j19 8j20 9j21 10j22 11j23

ADVERBS



'AB' 2 4} 'abcdef' abAdBf

CONJUNCTIONS

Further material may be found in References [4-6]

Do the exercises for this lesson.

31: SAMPLE TOPICS

These 56 frames provide an informal introduction to J, designed to be used in conjunction with the dictionary and at the keyboard of a J system. They are also designed to be used *inductively*, as follows:

- * Read one or two sentences and their results (which begin at the left margin), and attempt to state clearly in English what each sentence does.
- * Enter similar sentences to test the validity of your statements.
- * Consult the dictionary to confirm your understanding of the meaning of primitives such as 1. (used both with one argument and with two). Use the vocabulary of Appendix E as an index to pages in the dictionary.
- * Enter parts of a complex sentence, such as i. 28 and j+/i.28 in the case of (j+/i.28) (a...

SPELLING

phrase=.'index=.a.i.''aA'''
;:phrase

5 >;:phrase index =. a.

\$;:phrase

do=. ". do phrase

i.

'aA'

97 65 do 'abc = . 3 1 4 2'

abc

3 1 4 2

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256 j=.a.i.'aA' j 97 65

j +/ i. B

97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 (j+/i.28){a.

abcdefghijklmnopqratuvwxyz{| ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ[\

a.(~j+/i.28
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz(|
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ(\

i. 2 5
0 1 2 3 4
5 6 7 8 9

*/~0j1 _1 0j_1 1
_1 0j_1 1 0j1
0j_1 1 0j1 _1
1 0j1 _1 0j_1
0j1 _1 0j_1 1

GRAMMAR

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()

fahrenheit = 50
(fahrenheit - 32) * 5 % 9

prices =. 3 1 4 2 orders =. 2 0 2 1 orders * prices

6 0 8 2 +/ orders * prices 16

+/\12345 1361015 23*/12345

2 4 6 8 10 3 6 9 12 15 cube=. ^63

cube i. 9 0 1 8 27 64 125 216 343 512

PARTS OF SPEECH

50 fahrenheit Nouns/Pronouns
+ - * * cube Verbs/Proverbs
Adverbs
Conjunction
-, Copula

Punctuation

FUNCTION TABLES Just as the

behaviour of addition is made clear by addition tables in elementary school, so the behaviour of other verbs (or functions) can be made clear by function tables.

The next few frames show how to make function tables, and how to use the utility functions over and by to border them with their arguments to make them easier to interpret.

Study the tables shown, and make tables for other functions (such as < <. 3) suggested by the summary table.

Utility functions such as over and by are meant for use rather than for immediate study. but the programming used to define them will be used throughout, with explicit programming (more familiar in other programming languages) treated on page 40. You may skip ahead to it, or to tacit programming on page 36.

TARLES

IADLES					
	1	1=. 1	012 //n	3 Addition table	
0	1	2	3		
1	2	3	4		
2	3	4	5		
3	4	5			
	1	٠/	~ n	Times table	
0	0	0	0		
0	1	2	3		
0	2	4	6		
0	3	6	9		
	4	٠/	~ i. 4	Power table	
1	0	0	0		
1	1	1	1		
1	2	4	8		
1	3	9	27		
		+٠,	/~ 0 1	Or table	
0	1				
1	1				

FUNCTION TABLES

prices=. 3 1 4 2 orders=. 2 0 2 1 prices * orders 6 0 B 2 table=. prices */ orders table

6063 2021 8084

4042

TO BORDER A TABLE BY ARGUMENTS:

over=.({.;}.)@":@, by=. ' '4;0,.0[,.]

prices by orders over table

	2	0	2	1
3	6	0	6	3
4	8	0	8	4
2	4	0	4	2

TABLES (Letter Frequency)

text=. ' i sing of olaf ' text=.text, 'glad and big' alph=. 'abcdefghijklmno' alph=. alph, 'pqrstuvwxyz'

'01'{~10{.alph=/text 1010000100100001000010001000 00000000000000100001001000000 0000000000000000000100010000 00000000010000100000000000000 00000010000000001000000000000

]LF=. 2 13\$+/"1 alph=/text 7 3 1 0 2 0 2 3 0 3 0 0 2 0 2 2 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0

CLASSIFICATION

<:/~i. 4
1 1 1 1
0 1 1 1
0 0 1 1
0 0 0 1

CLASSIFICATION

1100011

1110111 111111

Classification is a familiar notion. For example, the classification of letters of the alphabet as vowel, consonant, sibilant, or plosive; the classification of colours as primary and secondary; and of numbers as odd, even, prime, and complex.

It is also very important; it provides the basis for many significant notions, such as graphs, barcharts, and sets.

A classification may be complete, (each object falls into at least one class), and it may be disjoint, (each object falls into at most one class). A graph is a disjoint classification corresponding to the non-disjoint classification used to produce a barchart.

The sentence </\0 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 appearing in the bottom right frame on this page illustrates how the phrase </\ produces a disjoint classification by suppressing all 1's after the first.

CLASSIFICATION (Bar Chart) x=. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

000100000

```
CLASSIFICATION (Dot Prod) 34
CLASSIFICATION (Graphs)
  </\bc
                                lm=. 2 3 5,:4 2 1
1000001
                             2 3 5
                             4 2 1
0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0
                                lcct=, 1:#: i. 2^3
0 0 0 0 0 0
                             0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 Complete
0000000
                             00110011
                                              classification
0100010
                             01010101
                                              table
000000
                                m +/ . * cct
0000000
                             0 5 3 8 2 7 5 10
0010100
                             01234567
0001000
                             The pattern of the matrix product
  ' *' {~ </\bc
    •
                             (+/ . *) is illustrated below:
                                 2 3 5 | 0 5 3 8 2 7 5 10
                                 4 2 1 | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
                                       100001111
                                       00110011
                                       101010101
                                row0=.2 3 5 [ col3=.0 1 1
                                row0 * co13
                             0 3 5
CLASSIFICATION (Subsets, Key)
                                +/ row0 * col3
  2 3 5 +/ . * cct
0 5 3 8 2 7 5 10
                                row0 +/ . * cct
  2 3 5 */ . ^ cct
                             0 5 3 8 2 7 5 10
1 5 3 15 2 10 6 30
                             SORTING
  2 3 5 >./ . * cct
05352535
                             t=.'1 sing of olaf glad and big'
  +/cct
                                [ tt=. > :: t
0 1 1 2 1 2 2 3
]c2=. (2=+/cct)#"1 cct
0 1 1
                             sing
                             of
101
                             olaf
110
                             glad
  2 3 5 >./ . * c2
                             and
5 5 3
                             big
  2 #. 1: cct
                                /: tt
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
                             5 6 4 0 2 3 1
  2 3 5 */ . ^ c2
                                tt /: tt
15 10 6
                             and
accounts=.3 1 3 2 6 3 2
                             big
credits=.9 7 25 14 31 16 8
                             glad
  accounts </. credits
                             i
                             αf
9 25 16 7 14 8
                             olaf
                             sing
  accounts +//. credits
                                 (/:~tt) -: (tt /: tt)
50 7 22 31
```

STRUCTURES (Box)

text

i sing of claf glad and big |. text

gib dna dalg falo fo gnis i < 'glad'

glad

{<'glad'), (<'and'), <'big'</pre>

glad and big

∤. **u**

glad and

3 'glad'; 'and'; 'big'

glad|and|biq

PARTITIONS

+/\a=.2 3 5 7 11[b=.'abcdef' 2 5 10 17 28

<\b

abc abcd abcde a etc.

2 <\b

bc cd de

1 2 2 4

2<\.b

cdef adef abef abcf etc. 1 6 3 2 3 etc. 3 6 1

+//.t

1 5 10 10 5 1

STRUCTURES (Open) t=.'i sing of olaf glad and big'

|words=. ;:t

glad ο£ olaf an etc. sing

tt=. > words

tt

sing of olaf glad and

big

; words

\$ tt

isingofolafgladandbig

Although the preceding frames have presented rather complex results, they have shown only one example (cube of frame 4 of page 1) of programming in the sense of assigning a name to a procedure for later use.

Further frames will present many programs. To anyone familiar only with conventional languages and not with tacit or functional programming, they will not look like programs at all. Nevertheless, tacit programming offers significant advantages: it is brief and analytic, it encourages structured programming, and it is "compiled" in the sense that a program is not re-parsed on execution.

We introduce three compositions that facilitate tacit programming: the conjunction & that bonds a verb to one of its arguments; the conjunction @ that applies one verb atop another; and the fork that forms a verb from an isolated list of three verbs. The hook is also introduced as a special case of the fork. To display a verb f enter f alone.

```
SYMBOLICS (Insertion, Scan) 36
TACIT PROGRAMMING
   cubeaums. ^£38+
                                    minus=.[ , '-'&, @}
                                    'a' minus 'b'
   6 cubesum 4
1000
                                    I. 'a' minus 'b'
   ^63 (6+4)
                                b-a
                                   minus / list=. 'defg'
1000
                   x(f g h)y
   6 + * - 4
                                d-e-f-q
                                   minus /\ list
   6 (+ * -) 4
                                d
20
                                d-e
                                d-e-f
   (6+4)*(6-4)
                     уx
20
                                d-e-f-q
                     (fgh)y
                                    'defg'=. 4 3 2 1
   mean=, +/ % #
                                    ", minus / list
   mean a=.345
                                   ". minus /\ list
                          h
   (+/a) % (#a)
                      1
                          ł
                                 4 1 3 2
                                   times=. [ , '*'&,@]
                          Y
                      Y
   centre=. ] - mean
                                   list times"0 |. list
   variance=. mean@*:@centre
                                d*a
   variance i. 100
                                44.5
833.25
                                f*a
                                a*d
                                GEOMETRY (3-space)
GEOMETRY (2-space)
                                ltetrahedron=.1 6 11 e.~i.3 4
   length=. %:@(+/@*:)
   length 5 12
                                0100
                                0010
13
                                0001
   ]t=. 3 4 7 ,: 0 0 4
                                   det=. -/ . *
3 4 7
                                   volume=. det 0() , %0!0#)
0 0 4
                                   volume tetrahedron
   1 |."1 triangle=. t
                                 0.166667
473
                                tet=.6 0 3 0,3 6 5 8,:7 4 0 5
0 4 0
                                   tet
   ]lsides=.length t-1|."1 t
                                6030
1 5 5.65685
                                3 6 5 8
   ] semiper=. -: +/lsides
                                 7405
5.82843
                                    volume tet
   area=.%:*/semiper-0,lsides
                                11.5
             Heron's formula
                                   volume
   triangle, %!2
                                  det | @
  3
      4
          7
                                          1
      ۵
          4
0.5 0.5 0.5
   -/ . * t, %!2
                    Determinant
                                                           eic.
                 gives signed area
   -/ . * 1 0 2 {"1 t, %!2
```

2

```
HOOK (g h) is same as ([ g h@])
```

```
a=.5 6 7 8
   b=.1 2 3 4
   (*>:) b
2 6 12 20
   a (*>:) b
```

10 18 28 40

a (*>:)"0/b 10 15 7

25

12 18 24 30 14 21 28 35

16 24 32 40

Continued fractions: (+%) / 1 2 2 2 2 2 2

1.4142 (+%)/\ 1 2 2 2 2

1 1.5 1.4 1.41667 1.41379 (+%)/\ 3 7 15

3 3.14286 3.14151 $(+%)/\1 1 1 1 1 1$

1 2 1.5 1.66667 1.6 1.625 (-%)/\ 1 2 2 2 2

1 0.5 0.333333 0.25 0.2 *~ (+%) / 1 , 12 \$ 1 2

3

CONNECTIONS (Arcs)

f=. '3725571555261237747274'

t=.'5602627607332170423003' d=. '01234567'

arcs=. (d i. f) ,: (d i. t)

15{."1 arcs

372557155526123 5 6 0 2 6 2 7 6 0 7 3 3 2 1 7

[n=.arcs(nodes=.'ABCDEFGH'

DHCFFHBFFFFCGBCDHHEHCHE

FGACGCHGAHDDCBHAECDAAD

2 11\$<"1|:n

DF	НĢ	CA	FC	FG	HC	вн	F
GD	вС	СВ	DH	на	HE	EC	H etc.

CONNECTIONS

A directed graph is a collection of nodes with connections or arcs specified between certain pairs of nodes. It can be used to specify things such as the precedences in a set of processes (stuffing of envelopes must precede sealing), or the structure of a tree.

The connections can be specified by a boolean connection matrix instead of by arcs, and the connection matrix can be determined from the list of arcs.

The connection matrix is very convenient for determining various properties of the graph, such as the in-degrees (number of arcs entering a node), the out-degrees, immediate descendants, and the closure, or connection to every node reachable through some path.

CONNECTIONS (Connection matrix)

q=.i.@(,~@[}a.]+/ . *,&1@[

cmFROMarcs=. [q |:0]

cm=. 8 cmFROMarcs arcs αn

00000000

00100001

11010000

00000101 00110000

10100011

00010000

10111010

] indegrees=. +/cm

3 1 4 4 1 1 2 3 +/+/cm

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```
]cm2=. |.=i.8
0000000
                        00000001
00100001
                        00000010
11010000
                        00000100
00000101
                        00001000
00110000
                        00010000
10100011
                        00100000
00010000
                        01000000
10111010
                        10000000
                          points fam cm2
  points=. 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1
  points +./ . *. cm
                        11111111
10111010
                           cm2 fam cm2
                        10000001
  points+.points+./ . *.cm
10111011
                        01000010
                        00100100
  immfam=. [ +. [ +./ . *. ]
                        00011000
  points immfam cm
                        00011000
10111011
                        00100100
  fam=. [&immfam ^: _
                        01000010
  points fam cm
                        10000001
11111111
CONNECTIONS (Adjacency)
                       SETS (Propositions)
  d=. #: i. 2^3
                           [ a=. 2%~ i. 11
  d
                        0 0.5 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5 5
00001111
                           (26<: *. <65) a
00110011
                        00001111110
01010101
                           {(24<: *. <45} a) # a
  adj=.1: = |: +/ . ~: ]
                        2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5
  ]e=. adj d
                           ({26<: *. <65} # }) a
01101000
                        2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5
10010100
                           (] #~ 2&<: *. <&5) a
10010010
                        2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5
01100001
10000110
                           int=. = <.
01001001
                           int a
                        10101010101
00101001
00010110
                           ((24<: *. int) a) # a
  e{' *'
                        2 3 4 5
                           (] #~ 2&<: *. int) a
                        2 3 4 5
                           (#~ 26<: *. int) a
                        2 3 4 5
```

```
SETS (Relations)

i=.i.8 [ p=. 2 3 5 7 11 belongsto=. +./e(=/)~

i belongsto p
0 0 1 1 0 1 0 1
e=. belongsto
p e i
1 1 1 1 0
c=. -.ev=. e&'aeiou'
alph=. 'abcdefghijklmno'
alph=. alph, 'pqrstuvwxyz'
(v alph)#alph
aeiou
(#~ c) alph
bedfghjklmnpqrstvwxyz
```

CONTROLLED ITERATION

alph-.'aeiou'

bedfghjklmnpqratvwxyz

Programming languages commonly use control structures for controlled iteration of a process (DO WHILE), and for the application of one of several processes (CASE STATEMENT). In J, the power conjunction provides iteration for a fixed number of times specified by a noun (as in f^:4), and for a variable number of times determined by a verb g (in f^:g).

Cases are controlled by the verb right argument of the agenda conjunction, as in n@.v to select one of the functions used to form the gerund n in an expression such as n=. 1£0.\^.\^

Self-reference to the verb being defined is provided by \$: (as in n=. 1: (*\$:@<:)), and n@.v can therefore provide recursive definition, without naming the resulting verb.

Since much iteration occurs automatically (as in list+list and list+/list and +/list), we will

```
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SETS (Union, etc.)
   {even=, 0&=@(2&|)}a=.i. 16
101010101010101010
p=.26=0(+/)0(0:=]|~>:0(i.0]))
   prime=. p"0
   prime a
0011010100010100
   a #~ prime a
2 3 5 7 11 13
   a#~ (prime*.even) a
2
   a#~ (prime>even) a
3 5 7 11 13
   triple=.06=&(3&[)
   q=. even+.triple
   (q a) # a
0 2 3 4 6 8 9 10 12 14 15
r=. prime +. even *. triple
   (r a) # a
0 2 3 5 6 7 11 12 13
```

illustrate controlled iteration by Newton's method for a single root of a polynomial, and by its n-dimensional analog (Kerner's method) for all roots of a polynomial of degree n.

```
poly=. #.~&|."1 0
   1 3 3 1 poly 3 4 5
64 125 216
   c=. 12 _10 2
   deriv=. }.@(* i.@#)
   deriv c
10 4
   n=. ]-poly%deriv@[poly]
   c (newton=. n) approx=.2.4
1.2
   c newton c newton approx
1.75385
   canewton ^: 0 1 2 3 approx
2.4 1.2 1.75385 1.9594
   root=. canewton ^: approx
   root NB. _ is infinity.
2
   c poly root
0
```

(init=. r.e}.ei.e#e]) c 0.540302j0.841471 _0.416147j0.909297 deriv=. {*/e(-"0 1) 16(]\.)}e]

kerner=.]-poly % deriv

r=. (norm c) &kerner^:_ init c

2j_1.97994a_27 3j1.98001a_27

| c poly roots 8.67362a 19 3.96002a 27

d=. %!i.6
r=. (norm d) &kerner^:_ init d

+. (/:|) roots=. r

_2.18061 _3.76158e_37 _1.6495 _1.69393

EXPLICIT PROGRAMS

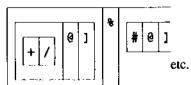
0.239806

Programming languages often define functions (procedures) by one or more sentences in which the arguments are referred to explicitly. We now illustrate such an explicit scheme where sentences are represented as character arrays, and left and right arguments are referred to by x. and y. Thus:

3.12834

A one-sentence definition may be converted to equivalent tacit form:

mean≖. s : 20 mean



RECURSIVE DEFINITION 4

(Using Tacit Definition)

g=. 54* ' ! ' agenda=. 341

case=. g 0. agenda " 0

case b=. 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0 1 2 15 24 5 30 5040

\$g 3

(|.g)@.agenda"0 b 0 1 10 3 24 25 _6 5040

factorial=. 1:\((*\$:@<:)@.*"0

factorial i.9

1 1 2 6 24 120 720 5040 40320 1:\('*\\$:\elle\('\):\('\)\(\)

1 1 2 6 24 120 720 5040 40320

EXPLICIT PROGRAMS (Simple)

root=.'y. ^ %2':'y. ^ %x.'
(root 64) , (3 root 64)

8 4

rPr=. '% y.':'x. + % y.'
3 rPr 4

3.25

rPr / 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2

1.4142

rPr/\ 1 2 2 2 2 1 1.5 1.4 1.41667 1.41379

rPr/\3715

3 3.14286 3.14151

triple=. '3*y.':''
triple i.5

0 3 6 9 12

3 triple 6 domain error

tz=. '3*y.' : *

tri.5

0 3 6 9 12 3 5 7 tr i. 3

0 5 14

```
(Conditional)
p=. '$.=. 1+y.<0'
```

q=. 'y. ^ %2⁻¹ r=. '''DOMAIN ERROR'''

conditional=. (p;q;r) : ''

conditional -49

DOMAIN ERROR conditional 49

tozero=. (p; 'y.-1'; 'y.+1') :'' tozero 3

2 tozero 3

tozero "0 (_2 _1 0 1 2 3) 101012

tozero

EXPLICIT PROGRAM (Recursive)

a=. '\$.=. 2-0=y.' ; '1' b=. 'y. * factorial y.-1'

factorial=. (a, <b) : ''

factorial 5

d=.'(r,0)+0, r=.binomial y.-1'binomial=. (a,<d) : '' binomial 4

14641 f=.'r,+/_2{.r=.fib y.-1' fib=. (a,<f) : ''

fib 10 1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 55 89 +^: (i.11)~1

1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 55 89 g=. '\$.=. 2-0=x.' ; '1'

h=. 'y.*x.%~x. outof&<:y.' outof=. '': $(q, \langle h)$ outof"0/~i. 4

1111

0 1 2 3

0013

0001

EXPLICIT PROGRAM

(Iterative) a=. 'r=. 1 [\$.=. y. # 1'

b=. 'r=. r * 1+ # S.'

factorial=. (a:b) : ''

factorial 5

120

factorial"0 i. 6

1 1 2 6 24 120

> a:b

r=. 1 [\$.=. y. # 1

r=. r * 1+ # \$. c=. 'r=. (0,r) + (r,0)'

binomials=. (a;c) : '' binomials 4

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fib=.(a;'r=.r,+/_2{.r') : ''

fib 10

1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 55 89

d=. 'r=. 1 [\$.=. x. \$ 1'e=. 'r=.(r*l+y.=.y.-1)%1+#\$.'

outof=. '': (d;e) 3 outof 5

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EXPLICIT PROGRAM (Recursive)

[a=.3 3\$'abcdefghi'

abe def ghi

(f=, -, "1 0~e(i.4#)) a

0 1 <"2 (m=. minors=.f { 1&}."1)a

ef bc bc hi hi ef

p=.'\$.=. 1+1=#y.'

q=.'(0{"1 y.)-/ .*det"2 m y.']b=. 3 3\$1 6 4,4 1 0,6 6 8

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4 1 0

6 6 8

(det=.(p;q;'0{,y.') : '') b

(-/ . * b) , (+/ . * b)

112 320

(Recursive) a=, '\$,=,1+0<n=,x,-1' b=.',:2{.y.' H=, '' : (a;b;c,'n H|.y.')hanoi=. H 2 hanoi 'ABC' AC. AR Œ : 4 hanoi 0 1 2 0 0 2 0 1 1 0 0 2 2 1 2 0 0 2 2 1 1 2 0 2 2 1 1 0 0 1 2 1 1 |: 'ABC' (~ 4 hanoi 0 1 2 AACABBAACCECAAC CRECACCEBAAECEE c=, 'r=, 0 \$\$, =, y. \$1+n=.0'd=. 'r=.r, (n=.1+n), r'h=. (c:d) : '' h 4 1 2 1 3 1 2 1 4 1 2 1 3 1 2 1 1213121

DEFINED CONJUNCTIONS

```
la=. >: i.8
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
  modulo=. 'y.£|@(x.f.)': 2
  8 + modulo 4 (7)
3
  + modulo 4 /~ a
23012301
30123012
01230123
12301230
23012301
30123012
01230123
12301230
  * modulo 4 /~ a
12301230
20202020
32103210
00000000
12301230
20202020
32103210
```

00000000

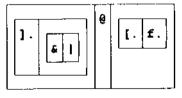
DEFINED ADVERBS

```
1b=.>: i.4
1 2 3 4
   scan=. /\
  + scan b
1 3 6 10
   * scan b
1 2 6 24
   inv=. ^: 1
   ^ inv b
0 0.693147 1.09861 1.38629
   ^. b
0 0.693147 1.09861 1.38629
   36* inv b
0.333333 0.666667 1 1.33333
   slope=.'[%~+-&(x.f.)]':1
   0.1 ^ slope 1 2 3
2.85884 7.77114 21.1241
   ^ 1 2 3
2,71828 7,38906 20,0855
```

DEFINED CONJUNCTIONS

le 6 ^ slope 1 2 3 2.71828 7.38906 20.0855

tacitmod=.'y.&|@(x.f.)' : 22 ^ tacitmod 4 /~a 11111111 200000000 31313131 00000000 11111111 20000000 31313131 00000000 tacitmod



modulo

y.& @(x.f.)	:	2

```
FAMILIES OF FUNCTIONS
                              FAMILIES OF FUNCTIONS 43
                                 c=. 4 2 3 2 1
   x=.1 2 3 4 5 6 7
                                 vandermonde
  x^2
                                   1
                                       1
                                           1
                                                 1
1 4 9 16 25 36 49
                                   3
                               1
                                 2
                                        4
                                            5
                                                 6
                                                      7
  x^3
                                    9
                                                36
                               1
                                4
                                       16
                                           25
1 8 27 64 125 216 343
                               1 8 27 64 125
                                               216
   (4*x^2) + (_3*x^3)
                               1 16 81 256 625 1296 2401
1 _8 _45 _128 _275 _504 _833
                                 c +/ . * vandermonde
                               6 28 118 348 814 1636 2958
  2 3 ^~/ x
                              poly=.[+/ .*|:@(]^/ i.@(#@[))
1 4 9 16 25 36 49
1 8 27 64 125 216 343
                                 c poly x
                               6 28 118 348 814 1636 2958
   4 3 +/ . *2 3 ^~/x
1 8 45 128 275 504 833
                                      Stirling Numbers
                                 S1=. ^!._1/~@i.%.^/~@i.
  e=. 0 1 2 3 4
                                 ".@(04":)4.>@(S1 ; %.@S1)5
  vandermonde=. e ^~/ x
  vandermonde
  1 1
        1
             1
                                1 0
                                     0
                                        0
                                            0 1 0 0 0 0
                  1
                       1
1 2 3
         4
             5
                       7
                                0 1
                                     1
                                        2
                                           6 0 1 1 1 1
1 4 9
        16 25
                 36
                                        3 11 0 0 1 3 7
                      49
                                0 0
                                     1
  8 27 64 125
                216
                     343
                                0 0
                                     0
                                        1
                                            6
1 16 81 256 625 1296 2401
                                0 0
                                     0
                                        0
                                            1 |
                                              0 0 0 0 1
INVERSES AND DUALITY
                              INVERSES AND DUALITY
  cFf = . -432 * (5%9)"0
  fFc=. 324+8 (*41.8)
                                 r=. 2 3 4 [ s=. 2 4 5
  dc=. 40 -~ 20 * 1. 8
                                 invlog (log r) + (log s)
40 20 0 20 40 60 80 100
                              4 12 20
                                 r * s
  ffc dc
                              4 12 20
40 4 32 68 104 140 176 212
                                 ^ (^. x) + (^. s)
  cFf fFc dc
                              4 12 20
 40 20 0 20 40 60 80 100
                                 r +£.^. s
  8 8 1 2 3
                              4 12 20
123
  log=.10&^.
                                 r +6.% s
```

1 1.71429 2.22222

1 1.71429 2.22222

+4.% / r

8 +/ % r

0.923077

0.923077

% (%r) + (%s)

invlog=.10&^

+/ log y

3.85733

*/v

7200

7200

log y=. 24 4 75

invlog +/ log y

1.38021 0.60206 1.87506

INVERSES AND DUALITY

```
f=. +63
  g=. -43
   [x=. i. 4]
0 1 2 3
  f x
3 4 5 6
   !f x
6 24 120 720
  g!f x
3 21 117 717
   15.f x
3 21 117 717
   16. (+63) x
3 21 117 717
   14. (*42) x
0.5 1 12 360
PERMUTATIONS
   a=. 'ABCDEF'
   p=. 2 3 5 1 4 0
   p(a
CDFBEA
   pC. a
CDFBEA
   ]c=, C, p
   c C. a
CDFBEA
   A. p
309
   A. c
309
   309 A. a
CDFREA
   0 A. 0 1 2
0 1 2
   1 A. 0 1 2
021
   j=.i.5
   (j A. i. 3); (j A. 'abc')
 0 1 2 abc
 0 2 1 acb
 1 0 2 bac
```

1 2 0 bca 2 0 1 cab

```
UTILITIES
   names=. 41:1
   save=. 2!:2
   copy=, 2!:4
                List of pronouns
   names 2
                List of proverbs
   names 3
   save <'abc' Save named objects
   erase=. 4!:55 in file abc
   off=. 01:55
erase names 2
                Erase pronouns
                End session
off ''
                End session
Control D
               Representation of
51:2 <'abc'
         verb abc (in Display form)
5!:4 <'abc' Tree form
Verbs for bordering verb tables:
   over=. ({.;}.)@":@,
   by=. ' '£; @, .@[, .]
CUT
 |rt=.1|.t=.'/Onward/he said'
Onward/he said/
   <:: 1 text=. t
           /he said
 Onward
   < ; , 1 text
 Onward he said
   # ;. _1 text
   < ;._2 rt
 Onward he said
   i. 45
           3
       2
    1
       7
 56
           etc.
   ]q=.0 1 0 1 <;.1 i. 4 5
                 9 15 16 17 1
  5
     6
              8
 10 11 12 13 14
                            etc.
```

1 { q

15 16 17 18 19

EXERCISES

2.1 Enter the following sentences on the computer, observe the results, give suitable names to any new primitives (such as * and +. and *.), and comment on their behaviour.

```
a=.0 1 2 3
b=.3 2 1 0
a+b
a*b
a-b
a*b
a^b
a^b
a^b
a(b)
a(a<b)+(a>b)
(a<b)+.(a>b)
```

Compare your comments with the following:

- a) Negative 3 is denoted by _3. The underbar _ is part of the representation of a negative number in the same sense that the decimal point is part of the representation of one-half when written in the form 0.5, and the negative sign _ must not be confused with the symbol used to denote subtraction (i.e., -).
- b) Division (%) by zero yields infinity, denoted by the underbar alone.
- c) Log of 2 to the base 1 is infinite, and log of 0 to the base 3 is negative infinity (__).
- d) Since the relation 5<7 is true, and the result of 5<7 is 1, it may be said that true and false are represented by the ordinary integers 1 and 0. George Boole used this same convention, together with the symbol + to represent the boolean function or. We use the distinct representation +. to avoid conflict with the analogous (but different) addition (denoted by +).
- 2.2 Following the example Min=. <., invent, assign, and use names for each of the primitives encountered thus far.

3.1 Enter the following sentences (and perhaps related sentences using different arguments), observe the results, and state what the two cases (monadic and dyadic) of each function do:

```
a=. 3 1 4 1 5 9
b=. 'Canada'
#a
1 0 1 0 1 3 # a
1 0 1 0 1 3 # b
/: a
/:b
a /: a
a /: b
b /: a
b /: b
c=. 'can''t'
c
#c
c /: c
```

3.2 Make a summary table of the functions used thus far. Then compare it with the following table (in which a slash separates the monadic case from the dyadic, as in negation / addition:

+	· Add	· Or		
-	Negate · Subtract			
*	·Times	· And		
*	Reciprocal · Divide			
^	Exponential · Power	·Log		
<	· Less Than	· Lesser Of		
>	· Greater Than	· Greater Of		
=	·Equals	Is (Copula)		
i		Integers · Index	k Of	
\$	Shape · Reshape			
1			Grade · Sort	
#	# Number of items · Replicate			
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- 3.3 Try to fill some of the gaps in the table of Exercise 3.2 by experimenting on the computer with appropriate expressions. For example, enter ^. 10 and ^. 2.71828 to determine the missing (monadic) case of ^. and enter *: 4 and *: -4 and +*: -4 to determine the case of * followed by a colon. However, do not waste time on matters (such as, perhaps, complex numbers or the boxed results produced by the monad <) that are still beyond your grasp; it may be better to return to them after working through later lessons. Note that the effects of certain functions become evident only when applied to arguments other than integers. For example, try <.1 2 3 4 and <.3.4 5.2 3.6 to determine the effect of the monad <...
- 3.4 If b=.3.4 5.2 3.6, then <.b yields the argument b rounded down to the nearest integer. Write and test a sentence that rounds the argument b to the nearest integer

ANSWER: <. (b+0.5) Or <. b+0.5 Or <. b+1r2

- 3.5 Enter 2 4 3 \$ i. 5 to see an example of a rank 3 array or report (for two years of four quarters of three months each).
- 3.6 Enter ?9 repeatedly and state what the function ? does. Then enter t=. ?3 5 \$ 9 to make a table for use in further experiments.

ANSWER: ? is a (pseudo-) random number generator; ?n produces an element from the population i.n

- 4.1 Enter d=. i.5 and the sentences st=. d-/d and pt=. d^/d to produce function tables for subtraction and power.
- **4.2** Make tables for further functions from previous lessons, including the relations < and = and > and the *lesser-of* and *greater-of*.
- 4.3 Apply the verbs $| \cdot |$ and $| \cdot |$ to various tables, and try to state what they do.
- 4.4 The *transpose* function 1: changes the subtraction table, but appears to have no effect on the multiplication table. State the property of those functions whose tables remain unchanged when transposed.

ANSWER: They are commutative

4.5 Enter d by d over d!/d and state the definition of the dyad

ANSWER: ! is the binomial coefficient or outof function: 3!5 is the number of ways that three things can be chosen from five.

5.1 In math, the expression $3x^4+4x^3+5x^2$ is called a *polynomial*. Enter:

to evaluate the polynomial for the case where x is 2.

5.2 Note that the hierarchy among functions used in math is such that no parentheses are necessary in writing a polynomial. Write an equivalent sentence using no parentheses.

ANSWER: +/3 4 5 * \pm ^ 4 3 2 or (first assigning names to the coefficients 3 4 5 and the exponents 4 3 2), as $+/c*x^a$

6.1 Enter 5#3 and similar expressions to determine the definition of the dyad # and then state the meaning of the following sentence:

$$(# # > ./) b=. 2 7 1 8 2$$

ANSWER: #b repetitions of the maximum over b

6.2 Cover the comments on the right, write your own interpretation of each sentence, and then compare your statements with those on the right:

(# # +/ % #) b (n=.#b) repetitions of mean

+/(##+/%#) b Sum of n means

(+/b)=+/(##+/%#) b Tautology

(*/b) = */(###:*/) b The product over b is the product over n repetitions of the geometric mean of b.

- 7.1 Enter AT=. i. +/ i. and use expressions such as AT 5 to determine the behaviour of the program AT.
- 7.2 Define and use similar function tables for other dyadic functions.

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7.3 Define the programs:

tab=. +/

ft=, i, tab i.

testl=. ft = AT

Then apply test1 to various integer arguments to test the proposition that ft is equivalent to AT of Exercise 7.1, and enter ft and AT alone to display their definitions.

7.4 Define the program aft=. ft f. and use test2=. aft = ft to test their equivalence. Then display their definitions and state the effect of the adverb f..

ANSWER: The adverb f. fixes the verb to which it applies, replacing each name used by its definition.

- 7.5 Redefine tab of Exercise 7.3 by entering tab=. */ and observe the effects on the function ft and its fixed alternative aft.
- 7.6 Define mean=. +/ % # and state its behaviour when applied to a table, as in mean t=. (i. !/ i.) 5.

Answer: The result is the average over the rows of a table argument.

7.7 Write an expression for the mean over the columns of t.

ANSWER: mean |: t

8.1 The verb # is used dyadically in the definition of the program IN29. Enter expressions such as (j=. 3 0 4 0 1) # i.5 to determine the behaviour of #, and state the result of #j#i.5.

ANSWER: +/j

8.2 Cover the answers on the right and apply the following programs to lists to determine (and state in English) the purpose of each:

test1=. >\$10 *. <\$100

int=.] = <.

test2=. int *. test1

test3=. int +. test1

sel=. test2 #]

Test if in 10 to 100

Test if integer and in 10 to 100

Test if integer or in 10 to 100

Select integers in 10 to 100

8.3 Cover the program definitions on the left of the preceding exercise, and make new programs for the effects stated on the right.

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- 8.4 Review the use of the fix adverb in Exercises 7.4-5, and experiment with its use on the programs of Exercise 8.2.
- 9.1 Cover the comments on the right, and state the effects of the programs. Then cover the programs and rewrite them from the English statements:

mc=. (+/%#)@|: Mean over columns of table

f=. +/e*: Sum of squares of list

g=. %:@f Geometric length of list

h=. {&' *'@ (</) Map of comparison (dyad)

k=. i. h i. Map (monad)

map=. {&'+-* %#\$' 7-character map

MAP=. map@(66<.)@<. Extended domain of map

add=. MAP@ (i.+/i.) Addition table map

- 10.1 Experiment with a revised version of the program MAP of Exercise 9.1, using the *remainder* or *residue* dyad (|) instead of the *minimum* (<.), as in M=. map@(6&|)@<. and compare its results with those of MAP.
- 10.2 Experiment with the programs sin and sind defined in this lesson.
- 10.3 Write programs using various new primitives found in the vocabulary of Appendix E.
- 10.4 Update the table of notation prepared in Exercise 3.2.
- 11.1 Enter and experiment with the programs defined in this lesson.
- 12.1 The square function *: is the inverse of the square root function *: and *:^:_1 is therefore equivalent to *: . Try to find other inverse pairs among the primitive functions in the summary table of the dictionary.
- 13.1 These exercises are grouped by topic and organized like the lesson, with programs that are first to be read and then to be rewritten. However, a reader already familiar with a given topic might begin by writing.

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A. Properties of numbers

pn=. >: @i. Positive numbers (e.g. pn 9)

rt=. pn |/ pn Remainder table
dt=. 0&=@rt Divisibility table
nd=. +/@dt Number of divisors

prt=. 2&=@nd Prime test

prsel=, prt # pn Prime select

N=. >:@pn Numbers greater than 1 rtt=. ,@(N */ N) Ravelled times table

aprt=. -.@ (N e. rtt) Alternate test and selection (primes do not occur in the * table for N)

apsel=. aprt # N

B. Coordinate Geometry

Do experiments on the vector (or *point*) p=. 3 4 and the triangle represented by the table tri=. 3 2\$ 3 4 6 5 7 2

L=. %:@(+/)@*: Length of vector

LR=.L"1 Length of rows in table (See rank in the dictionary or in Lesson

21)

disp=.] - 16|. Displacement between rows in a table

LS=. LR@disp Lengths of sides of figure

sp=. -:@(+/)@LS Semiperimeter(try sp tri)

H=. %:@(*/)@(sp,sp-LS) Heron's formula for triangle area

det=. -/ . * Determinant (See dictionary)

SA=. det@(,.so.5) Signed area; positive if vertices are in counterclockwise order when plotted

Sa=.det@(],.%@!@<:@#) General signed volume; try it on the tetrahedron

tet=. ?4 3\$9 as well as on the triangle tri

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14.1 Using the programs defined in Lesson 13, experiment with the following expressions:

```
5.2 ": d=. %: i.12

5.2 ":,.d

fc=. 5.2&":@,.

fc d

20 (fc@h3 ,. h5) d

20 (fc@h3 ,. '|'&,.@h5) d

plot=. fc@h3,.'|'&,.@h5

20 plot d
```

- 15.1 Define programs analogous to sum=.+/\ for progressive products, progressive maxima, and progressive minima.
- 15.2 Treat the following programs and comments like those of Lesson 13, that is, as exercises in reading and writing.

 Experiment with expressions such as c pol x and c pp d and (c pp d) pol x with c=. 1 3 3 1 and d=. 1 2 1 and x=.i. 5. See the dictionary or Lesson 21 for the use of rank ("):

- 16.1 Experiment with, and explain the behaviour of, the adverbs pow=. ^& and log=. &^.
- 16.2 State the significance of the following expressions, and test your conclusions by entering them:

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- 17.1 Choose sentences such as pp=. +//.@(*/) from earlier exercises, enclose them in quotes, and observe the effects of word-formation (;:) upon them.
- 18.1 Experiment with the use of locatives.
- 19.1 Comment on the results of the following experiments:

```
roots=. '3%:y.' : 'x.%:y.'

ROOTS=. 36%: : %:

fib=. '' : ('r=. y.';'$.=. x.#2';'r=. r,+/_2(.r')
6 fib 0 1
```

ANSWER: roots and fib are from Lesson 19; ROOTS shows the use of the conjunction: with verb arguments to specify the monadic and dyadic parts of the resulting function.

19.2 Define the following adverbs, and experiment with them in expressions such as ! h b=. i.7

```
h=. '-:@(x.f.)' : 1
d=. '+:@(x.f.)' : 1
dh=. '+:@(x.f.)@-:' : 1
```

19.3 Using the program pol from Exercise 15.2, perform the following experiments and comment on their results:

```
g=. 11 7 5 3 2 & pol
e=. 11 0 5 0 2 & pol
o=. 0 7 0 3 0 & pol
(g = e + o) b=. i.6
(e = e@-) b
(o = -@o@-) b
```

ANSWER: The function g is the sum of the functions e and o. Moreover, e is an even function (whose graph is reflected in the vertical axis), and o is an odd function (reflected in the origin).

19.4 Enter the following explicit definition of the adverb even and perform the suggested experiments with it, using the functions defined in the preceding exercise:

```
even=. '-:@(x.f. + x.f.@-)' : 1
```

```
ge=. g even
(e = ge) b
(e = e even) b
```

19.5 Define an adverb odd and use it in the following experiments:

```
exp=. ^
sinh=. 5&o.
cosh=. 6&o.
(sinh = exp odd) b
(sinh =. exp .: -) b The primitive odd adverb .: -
(cosh = exp even) b
(exp = exp even + exp odd) b
```

19.6 These experiments involve complex numbers, and should perhaps be ignored by anyone unfamiliar with them:

```
sin=. 1&o.
cos=. 2&o.
(cos = ^@j. even) b
(j.@sin = ^@j. odd) b
```

20.1 Use the display of the tacit definition of **MEAN** in Lesson 20 to enter a tacit definition of an equivalent function called **M**.

```
ANSWER: M=. +/0] % #0]
```

20.2 Simplify the definition of **m** of the preceding exercise to produce an equivalent tacit definition called **m**.

```
ANSWER: 10=. +/ % #
```

20.3 Use the display of the tacit definition of the conjunction u in Lesson 20 as a guide in entering the tacit definition of an equivalent conjunction to be called u, and compare it with the simplified form used in defining UNDER in Lesson 20.

```
ANSWER: U=. ({].f.)(^:_1))@(({.f.}&(].f.))
```

20.4 Enter the definition of the adverb h of Exercise 19.2 in two steps as follows:

```
s=. '-:@(x.f.)'
h=. s : 1
```

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Then enter he=. s: 22 to obtain the tacit definition of a related conjunction, and confirm that! he 1 a=. i.6 is equivalent to! h a. Then define the corresponding adverb H=. he 1 and use it in the expression! H a and, finally, display all the entities defined.

21.1 Observe the results of the following uses of the monads produced by the rank conjunction, and comment on them:

```
a=. i. 3 4 5
<"0 a
<"1 a
<"2 a
<"3 a
< a
<"_1 a
<"_2 a
mean=. +/ % #
mean a
mean"1 a
mean"2 a</pre>
```

ANSWER: <"k applies < to each cell of rank k, with <" (#\$a) a being equivalent to <a. Moreover, a negative value of k specifies a complementary rank that is effectively |k less than the rank of the argument a.

21.2 Use the results of the following experiments to state the relation between the conjunctions @(Atop) and @:(At), and compare your conclusions with the dictionary definition:

```
(g=. <"2) a=. i. 3 4 5
|. 0: g a
|. 0 g a
|: 0: (<"1) a
|: 0 (<"1) a
```

ANSWER: The rank of the function [. @: g is itself infinite and]. therefore applies to the entire list result of g a,

consequently reversing it. On the other hand, the function £ @ ginherits the rank of g, and 1. therefore applies individually to the atoms produced by g, producing no effect.

21.3 Use the results of the following experiments to comment on the use of the rank conjunction in dyads:

```
b=. 'ABC'
c=. 3 5 $ 'abcdefghijklmno'
c
b,c
b ,"0 1 c
b ,"1 1 c
b ,"1 c
```

22.1 Define a function f such that (x=. 4) f c=. 1 3 3 1 yields the result used as the argument to + '*/ in Horner's method in Lesson 22.

23.1 Use the following as exercises in reading and writing:

```
f=.1:^(+//.0(,:~)0($:0<:))0.* Binomial coefficients <0 i.6 Boxed binomials 

g=.1:^((],+/0(_26(.))0$:0<:)0.* Fibonacci sequence
```

- 24.1 Use the function BR of Lesson 24 to find the roots of various functions, such as £=. 66-@!
- 24.2 Experiment with the function fn=. +/\ (which produces the figurate numbers when applied repeatedly to i.n), and explain the behaviour of the function fn^: (?@(34[))
- 25.1 Use the display of s: 12 in Lesson 25 as a guide in defining an equivalent conjunction c, and compare the resulting definition with the simpler definition used for cj in Lesson 25.
- 26.1 Use the following as exercises in reading and writing (try the programs on a=.'abcdef' and b=.i. 6 and c=. i. 6 6):

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Interchange last two items f=. 15A. Rotate last three items a=. 3&A. h=.54AReverse last three items i=. <:0!0[A.] k i a reverses last k items. **26.2** Experiment with the following expressions and others like them to determine the rules for using "abbreviated" arguments to c. and compare your conclusions with the dictionary definitions: 2 1 4 C. b = .i.6(<2 1 4) C. b (3 1;5 0) C. b 26.3 Make a program ac that produces a table of the cycle representations of all permutations of the order of its argument, as in ac 3. ANSWER: ac=. C.@(i.@! A. i.) 27.1 For each of the following functions, determine the matrix M such that M (mp=. +/ . *) N is equivalent to the result of the function applied to the matrix N, and test it for the case N=. i. 6 6: ١. +: (46*-26*@1.) 2&A. 28.1 Use the following as exercises in reading and writing. Try using arguments such as a=. 2 3 5 7 and b=. 1 2 3 4 and c=. <@i."0 i. 3 4: Multiplication by addition of natural f=. +&.^. logs Multiplication using base-10 logs g=. +&.(10&^.) Addition from multiplication h=. *&.^ Reverse each box i=. |.&.>

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j=. +/4.> Sum each box k=. +/4> Sum each box and leave open

29.1 Predict and test the results of the following expressions:

*/''
<./''
>./''
>./0 4 4 \$ 0
+/ . */ 0 4 4 \$ 0
+£.^./

- **30.1** Experiment with the verbs of Lesson 30, and consult their definitions in the dictionary.
- 30.2 Experiment with the dyad { @; and give the term used to describe it in mathematics.

ANSWER: Cartesian product

- 30.3 Test the assertion that the monads *: and (*:e~. +/ . * =) are equivalent, and state the utility of the latter when applied to a list such as 1 4 1 4 2 that has repeated elements.
 - ANSWER: The function %: (which could be a function costly to execute) is applied only to the distinct elements of the argument (as selected by the *nub* function ~.)
- 30.4 Experiment with the adverbs and conjunctions given in Lesson 30, and consult their dictionary definitions.
- 30.5 Comment on the following experiments before reading the comments on the right:

a=. 2 3 5 [b=. 1 2 4 a (f=. *:@+) b Square of sum

a (g=. +&*: + +:@*) b Sum of squares plus double product

a (f=g) b Expression of the identity of the functions

a (f-:g) b f and g in a tautology (whose result is

taut=. f-:g always true; that is, 1).

30.6 A phrase such as f-:g may be a tautology for the dyadic case only, for the monadic case only, or for both. Use the following

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tautologies as reading and writing exercises, including statements of applicability (Dyad only, etc.):

t1=, >: -: > +. =	(Dyad only) The primitive >: is identical to greater than <i>or</i> equal
t2=. <: -@>.&-	(Both) Lesser-of is neg on greater-of on neg; Floor is neg on ceiling on neg
t3=. <: >.&	Same as t2 but uses under
t4=. *:@>: -: *: + +: + 1:	(Monad) Square of a+1 is square of a plus twice a plus 1
t5=. *:@>: -: #.&1 2 1"0	Same as t4 using polynom
t6=. ^&3@>:-:#.&1 3 3 1"0	Like t5 for cube
bc=. i.@>: !]	Binomial coefficients
t7=.(>:@]^[)-:(]#.bc@[)"0	Like t6 with kst7 for kth power
s=. 15o. [. c=. 25o.	Sine and Cosine
t8=. s0+ -: (s0[* c0])+(c t9=. s0: (s0[* c0])-(c	ee [* se]) (Dyad) Addition ee [* se]) and Subtraction formulas for sine
det=/ . *	Determinant
perm=. +/ . *	Permanent
sct=. 1 2&o."0@(,"0)	Sine and cosine tables
t10=. s@: det@sct	Same as £9 but using the determinant of the sin and cos table
t11=. s@+ -: perm@sct	Like t8 using the permanent
S=. 560. [. C=. 660.	Hyperbolic sine and cosine
SCT=. 5 6&o."0@(,"0)	Sinh and Cosh table
t12=. S@+ -: perm@SCT	Addition theorem for sinh
SINH=. ^ .: -	Odd part of exponential

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COSH=. ^ .. t13=. SINH -: S exp t14=. COSH -: 6&o. sine=. ^&.j. .: -

t15=. sine -: s

Even part of exponential
(Monad) Sinh is odd part of
Cosh is the even part of exp
Sine is the odd part of exp
under multiplication by 0 j1

30.7 Comment on the following expressions before reading the comments on the right:

g=. + > >.
5 g 2
5 g _2 _1 0 1 2
f=. *.&(0&<)

Test if sum exceeds maximum

True for positive arguments but not true in general

Test if both arguments exceed 0

theorem=. f <: g

The truth value of the result of f does not exceed that of g. This may also be stated as "If f (is true) then g (is true)" or as "f implies g"

5 theorem _2 _1 0 1 2

DICTIONARY of J

J is a dialect of APL, a formal imperative language. Because it is imperative, a sentence in J may also be called an *instruction*, and may be *executed* to produce a *result*. Because it is formal and unambiguous it can be executed mechanically by a computer, and is therefore called a *programming language*. Because it shares the analytic properties of mathematical notation, it is also called an *analytic* language.

APL originated in an attempt to provide consistent notation for the teaching and analysis of topics related to the application of computers, and developed through its use in a variety of topics, and through its implementation in computer systems. Discussions of its design and evolution may be found in References [7-9].

A dictionary should not be read as an introduction to a language, but should rather be consulted in conjunction with other material such as the introduction in this text, and References [1-6]. On the other hand, a dictionary should be used not only to find the meanings of individual words, but should also be studied to gain an overall view of the language.

I: ALPHABET and WORDS

The alphabet is standard ASCII, comprising digits, letters (of the English alphabet), the underline (used in names and numbers), the (single) quote, and others (which include the space) to be referred to as graphics. Alternative spellings for the national use characters (which differ from country to country) appear in Appendix A.

Numbers are denoted by digits, the underline (for negative signs and for infinity and minus infinity — when used alone or in pairs), the period (used for decimal points and necessarily preceded by one or more digits), the letter e (as in 2.4e3 to signify 2400 in exponential form), and the letter j to separate the real and imaginary parts of a complex number, as in 3e4j 0.56. Also see Appendix B.

A numeric *list* or *vector* is denoted by a list of numbers separated by spaces. A list of ASCII characters is denoted by the list enclosed in quotes, a pair of adjacent quotes signifying the quote itself: 'can''t' is the five-character abbreviation of the six-character word 'cannot'.

Names (used for pronouns and other surrogates, and assigned referents by the copula, as in prices. 4.5 12) begin with a letter and may continue with letters, underlines, and digits. A name that includes an underline is a locative, as discussed in Appendix C. A name with an appended colon is a given name; it can be assigned once only, unless erased for re-use.

A primitive may be (denoted by) any single graphic (such as + for plus) or by any such graphic modified by a following inflection (a period or colon), as in +. and +: for or and nor. A primitive may also be an inflected name, as in e. and o. for membership and pi times. Finally, any inflected primitive may be further inflected.

Appendix E shows the entire spelling scheme, and page footers show the ordering used. Word formation (; :) may be applied to literal lists to explore the rhematic rules.

II. GRAMMAR

The following sentences illustrate the six parts of speech:

```
fahrenheit=. 50
   (fahrenheit-32) *5%9
10
  prices=. 3 1 4 2
  orders=. 2 0 2 1
  orders * prices
                               PARTS of SPEECH
6082
  +/orders*prices
                                          Nouns/Pronouns
16
                          50 fahrenheit
                                          Verbs/Proverbs
                          + - * % bump
  +/\1 2 3 4 5
                                          Adverbs
1 3 6 10 15
                          / \
                                          Conjunction
  bump=, +&1
                           £
                                          Punctuation
  bump prices
                          ( )
                                          Copula
4 2 5 3
```

Verbs act upon nouns to produce noun results; the nouns to which a particular verb applies are called its *arguments*. A verb may have two distinct (but usually related) meanings according to whether it is applied to one argument (to its right), or to two arguments (left and right). For example, 2%5 yields 0.4, and %5 yields 0.2.

An adverb acts on a single noun or verb to its *left*. For example, +/ is a *derived* verb (which might be called *plus over*) that sums an ar-

gument list to which it is applied, and */ yields the product of a list. A conjunction applies to two arguments, either nouns or verbs.

Punctuation is provided by parentheses that specify the sequence of execution as in elementary algebra.

The word =. behaves like the copulas "is" and "are" and is read as such, as in "area is 3 times 4" for area=. 3*4. The name area thus assigned is a pronoun and, as in English, it plays the role of a noun. Similar remarks apply to names assigned to verbs, adverbs, and conjunctions. Entry of a name alone displays its value.

A. NOUNS

Nouns are classified in three independent ways: numeric or literal; open or boxed; arrays of various ranks. In particular, arrays of ranks 0, 1, and 2 are called *atom*, *list*, and *table*, or, in mathematics, *scalar*, *vector*, and *matrix*. Numbers and literals are represented as stated in Part I.

Arrays. A single entity such as 2.3 or _2.3j5 or 'A' or '+' is called an atom. The verb denoted by comma chains its arguments to form a list whose *shape* (given by the verb \$) is equal to the number of atoms combined. For example:

The verb | . used above is called *reverse*. The phrase s\$b produces an array of shape s from the list b. For example:

```
(3,4) $ date,1,8,6,7,1,9,1,7
1 7 7 6
1 8 6 7
1 9 1 7
table=. 2 3$ word, 'bat'
$ table table
2 3 saw
bat
```

The number of atoms in the shape of a noun is called its *rank*. Each position of the shape is called an *axis* of the array, and axes are referred to by indices 0, 1, 2, etc.

For example, axis 0 of table has length 2 and axis 1 has length 3. The last k axes of an array b determine rank-k cells or k-cells of b. For example, if s=.234 and

```
b=.s$'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwx'
```

b abcd efgh ijkl

mnop qrst uvwx

then the list about is a 1-cell of b, and the letters are each 0-cells.

The rest of the shape vector is called the *frame* of b relative to the cells of rank k. Thus, if a is 2 3 4 5, then a has the frame 2 3 relative to cells of rank 2, the frame 2 3 4 5 relative to 0-cells (atoms), and an empty frame relative to 4-cells.

A cell of rank one less than the rank of b is called an *item* of b; an atom has one item, itself. For example, the verb *from* (denoted by 1) selects items from its right argument, as in:

0 {b	1{b	0{0{b	
abcd	mob	abcd	
efgh	qrst		
ijkl	u ∨w x		•
2 1{0{b		1{2{0{b	0{3
ijkl		j	3
efgh			

Moreover, the verb grade (denoted by /:) provides indices to (that bring items to "lexical" order. Thus:

Negative numbers, as in _2-cell and _1-cell (an item), are also used to refer to cells whose *frames* are of the length indicated by the magnitude of the number. For example, the list about may be referred to either as a _2-cell or as a 1-cell of b.

Open and Boxed. The nouns discussed thus far are called *open*, to distinguish them from *boxed* nouns produced by the verb *box* denoted by <. The result of box is an atom, and boxed nouns are displayed in boxes. Box allows one to treat any array (such as the list of letters that represent a word) as a single entity, or atom. Thus:

B. VERBS

Monads and Dyads. Most verbs have two definitions, one for the *monadic* case (one argument), and one for the *dyadic* case.

The dyadic definition applies if the verb is preceded by a suitable left argument, that is, any noun that is not itself an argument of a conjunction; otherwise the monadic definition applies. The monadic case of a verb is also called a *monad*, and we speak of the *monad* * used in the phrase *4, and of the *dyad* * used in 3*4.

Ranks of Verbs. The notion of verb rank is closely related to that of noun rank: a verb of rank k applies to each of the k-cells of its argument. For example (using the array b from Section A):

```
,b
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwx
,"2 b ,"_1 b
abcdefghijkl abcdefghijkl
mnopqrstuvwx mnopqrstuvwx
```

Since the verb ravel (denoted by ,) applies to its entire argument, its rank is said to be unbounded. The rank conjunction " used in

the phrase, "2 produces a related verb of rank 2 that ravels each of the 2-cells of b to produce a result of shape 2 by 12.

The shape of a result is the frame (relative to the cells to which the verb applies) catenated with the shape produced by applying the verb to the individual cells. Commonly these individual shapes agree, but if not, they are first brought to a common rank by adding leading unit axes to any of lower rank, and are then brought to a common shape by padding with an appropriate fill element: space for a character array, 0 for a numeric array, and a boxed empty list for a boxed array. For example if s=.234:

The dyadic case of a verb has two ranks, governing the left and right arguments. For example:

```
p=. 'abc'
q=. 3 5$'wake read lamp '
p,"0 1 q
awake
bread
clamp
```

Finally, each verb has three intrinsic ranks: monadic, left, and right. The definition of any verb need specify only its behaviour on cells of the intrinsic ranks, and the extension to arguments of higher rank occurs systematically. The ranks of a verb merely place upper limits on the ranks of the cells to which it applies, and its domain may include arguments of lower rank. Thus, matrix inverse (*.) has monadic rank 2, but treats degenerate cases of vector and scalar arguments as 1-column matrices.

Agreement. In the phrase p v q, the arguments of v must agree in the sense that their frames (relative to the ranks of v) must either match, or one must be a prefix of the other, as in p, "0 1 q above, and in the following examples:

p," 1 1 q	3 4 5*i. 3 4	(i,3 4)*3 4 5
abcwake	0369	0369
abcread	16 20 24 28	16 20 24 28
abclamp	40 45 50 55	40 45 50 55

C. ADVERBS & CONJUNCTIONS

Unlike verbs, adverbs and conjunctions have fixed valence: an adverb is monadic (applying to a single argument to its *left*), and a conjunction is dyadic.

A conjunction applies to noun or verb arguments, and may produce as many as four distinct classes of results.

For example, use produces the composition of the verbs u and v; and ^s2 produces the square by combining the power function with the right argument 2; and 2s^ produces the function 2-to-the-power. The conjunction s may therefore be referred to by different names for the different cases, or it may be referred to by the single term and (or with), which roughly covers all cases.

D. COMPARATIVES

The comparison x=y is treated like the everyday use of equality (that is, with a reasonable relative tolerance), yielding 1 if the difference x-y falls relatively close to zero. Tolerant comparison also applies to other relations and to *floor* and *ceiling* (<. and >.); a precise definition is given in Part III under *equal* (=). An arbitrary tolerance t can be specified by using the *fit* conjunction (!.), as in x = !.t y.

E. PARSING & EXECUTION

A sentence is evaluated by executing its phrases in a sequence determined by the parsing rules of the language. For example, in the sentence 10%3+2, the phrase 3+2 is evaluated first to obtain a result that is then used to divide 10. In summary:

- 1. Execution proceeds from right to left, except that when a right parenthesis is encountered, the segment enclosed by it and its matching left parenthesis is executed, and its result replaces the entire segment and its enclosing parentheses.
- 2. Adverbs and conjunctions are executed before verbs; the phrase, "2-a is equivalent to (,"2)-a, not to ,"(2-a). Moreover, the left argument of an adverb or conjunction is the entire verb phrase that precedes it. Thus, in the phrase +/. */b, the rightmost adverb / applies to the verb derived from the phrase +/. *, not to the verb *.

- 3. A verb is applied dyadically if possible; that is, if preceded by a noun that is not itself the right argument of a conjunction.
- 4. Certain trains form verbs, adverbs, and conjunctions, as described in Section F.
- 5. To ensure that these summary parsing rules agree with the precise parsing rules prescribed below, it may be necessary to parenthesize any adverbial or conjunctival phrase that produces anything other than a noun or verb.

One important consequence of these rules is that in an unparenthesized expression the right argument of any verb is the result of the entire phrase to the right of it. The sentence 3*p%q^|r-5 can therefore be read from left to right: the overall result is 3 times the result of the remaining phrase, which is the quotient of p and the part following the %, and so on.

Parsing proceeds by moving successive elements (or their values in the case of pronouns and other names) from the tail end of a queue (initially the original sentence prefixed by a left marker §) to the front of a stack, and eventually executing some eligible portion of the stack and replacing it by the result of the execution.

For example, if a=. 1 2 3, then b=.+/2*a would be parsed and executed as follows:

```
\$ b = . + / 2 * a
5b = . + / 2 *
                                1
                                    2
\S b = . + / 2
sb = . + /
                           2 * 1
\mathbf{S} \mathbf{b} = .
                                2
                                2
\S b = .
                                        6
§ b
S
                                b = .12
S
                                       12
                                    § 12
```

The foregoing illustrates two major points: 1) Execution of the phrase 2*1 2 3 is deferred until the next element (the /) is transferred; had it been a conjunction, the 2 would have been its argument, and the monad * would have applied to 1 2 3; and 2) Whereas the value of the name a is moved to the stack, the name b

(because it precedes a copula) moves unchanged, and the pronoun b is assigned the value 12.

The executions in the stack are confined to the first four elements only, and eligibility for execution is determined only by the class of each element (noun, verb, etc.), as prescribed in the following table:

§= (V	n	?	Monad	LEGEND
s=(avn	v	v	n	Monad	a Adverb
s=(avn	n	\mathbf{v}	n	Dyad	c Conjunction
s=(avn	nv	a	?	Adverb	n Noun
§=(avn	nv	c	nv	Conj	p Pronoun (name)
§=(avn	v	v	v	Forkv	v Verb
s=(v	v	?	Hookv	§ Lmark
§=(ac	ac	ac	Forkc	= Is
§=(ac	ac	?	Hookc	(Lparen
s=(c	BV	?	Bond) Rparen
§=(nv	c	?	Bond	? Any
np	=	cavn	?	Is	
(cavn)	?	Punct	
?	?	?	?	Get Next	

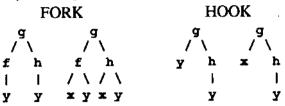
The classes of the first four elements of the stack are compared with the first four columns of the parse table, and the first row that agrees in all four columns is selected. The bold elements in the row are then subjected to the action prescribed in column 5, and are replaced by its result.

F. TRAINS

An isolated sequence (such as (+ */)) which the foregoing parsing rules do not resolve to a single part of speech is called a *train*, and may be further resolved as described below.

Meanings are assigned to certain trains of 2 or 3 elements and, by implication, to trains of any length by repeated resolution. For example, the trains +-** and +-** are equivalent to +(-**) and $+-(**^)$:

a) A verb is produced by trains of three or two verbs, as defined by the diagrams:



For example, 5(+*-)3 is (5+3)*(5-3). The ranks of the hook are infinite, and the ranks of the fork f g h are the maxima of corresponding ranks of f and f.

b) An adverb is produced according to the following definitions (using nv to denote noun or verb):

For example, if inv=. ^: _1, then ^inv is the inverse of ^, that is, ^..

c) A conjunction is produced by any of the following definitions, in a manner analogous to the hooks and forks that produce verbs:

```
x (c1 v c2) y is (x c1 y) v (x c2 y)
x (a1 c2 a3) y is (x a1) c2 (y a3)
x (a1 c2 c3) y is (x a1) c2 (x c3 y)
x (c1 c2 a3) y is (x c1 y) c2 (y a3)
x (c1 c2 c3) y is (x c1 y) c2 (x c3 y)
x (c a) y is (x cy) a
```

Trains of two and three elements are called *bidents*, and *tridents*, respectively; hooks and forks are special cases. Tree displays illustrate the choice of the names fork and trident:



III. DEFINITIONS

Each main entry begins with the words being defined, and ends with the class. The ranks of each verb or derived verb are shown in parentheses, with unbounded rank denoted by _ , and with ranks dependent on the ranks of argument verbs shown as mu, lv, etc. Except for minor re-ordering to group related verbs, the order is that of the Summary Table of Appendix E, also shown in footers.

In defining conjunctions (and adverbs), m and n denote (left and right) noun arguments, and u and w denote verb arguments.

= (Verb)

SELF-CLASSIFY (_) =y classifies the items of the nub of y according to equality with the items of y, producing a boolean table of shape #~.y by #y. For example:

EQUAL (00) = y is 1 if x is equal to y, and is otherwise 0. The comparison is made with a tolerance t, normally 2 to the power 44 but also controlled by the fit conjunction !., as in x = !.0 y. Formally, x=y is 1 if |x-y| does not exceed t times the larger of the magnitudes of x and y. Tolerance applies similarly to other verbs as indicated for each, notably to Match (-:), to Floor (<.), and to Signum(*), but not to Grade (/:).

=. =: (Copulas)

IS (local), IS (global) Used as in a=.3 and sum=. +/. The copula =. is local as discussed under Explicit Definition (:), and =: is global. Copulas may also be used indirectly. For example, if x=.'abc';'de' and (x)=.3 4;5 6 7 then 3 4 is assigned to the name abc, and 5 6 7 to de. The shapes of the names and the entity assigned must agree, as in (2 2\$'abcd')=. i. 2 2.

<(Verb)

BOX(_) <y and <!.n y are atomic encodings of y; either has rank 0 and is decoded by >, and their classes (given by >!._) are 0 and n. See Section II.A.

LESS THAN (0.0) x<y is 1 if x is tolerantly less than y. See = .

>(Verb)

OPEN (0) Open is the inverse of box, that is, y -: > < y. When applied to an open array (that has no boxed elements), open has no effect. Opened atoms are brought to a common shape as discussed in Sec. II.B. The *class* of a boxed atom is given by >! ___.

LARGER THAN (00) \Rightarrow y is 1 if \Rightarrow is tolerantly larger than y. See = .

<. >. (Verbs)

FLOOR, CEILING (_) <.y gives the floor or integer part of y, and <.y is therefore the largest integer such that (<.y) <: y. The implied comparison with integers is tolerant. See Equal (=). The ceiling >.y is -<.-y. See McDonnell [10] for complex arguments. LESSER OF, LARGER OF (00) x<.y is the lesser of x and y, and x>.y yields the larger. Thus, 3<.4 4 is 3 4.

<: >: (Verbs)

DECREMENT, INCREMENT () <: y is y-1 and >: y is y+1. (Also see -.)

LESS OR EQUAL, LARGER OR EQUAL (0.0) x<:y is 1 if x is less than or equal to y, and is otherwise 0. See Equal (=).

(Special, Noun, Verb)

NEGATIVE SIGN, INDETERMINATE, INFINITY (_) _ followed by a digit denotes a negative number (as in _3.4), infinity (when used alone), or negative infinity (in _ _). It is also used in names. The indeterminate _. results from expressions such as _-_ and 3+_.. The verb _: yields infinity.

+ * - % (Verbs)

CONJUGATE, SIGNUM, NEGATE, RECIPROCAL (_) The following definitions and examples apply (with t denoting tolerance as defined under Equal):

PLUS, TIMES, MINUS, DIVIDE (00) These are defined as in elementary arithmetic, but 0%0 is 0. See McDonnell [11], and the resulting pattern in the function table %/~@(i.e>:e+:-]) 3.

+. *. +: *: (Verbs)

REAL/IMAGINARY, POLAR, DOUBLE, SQUARE (_) +.y is 9 11 o.y and *.y is 10 12 o.y and +:y is y+y and *:y is y*y.

GREATEST COMMON DIVISOR (OR), LEAST COMMON MULTIPLE (AND), NOT-OR, NOT-AND (00) x+y is the greatest common divisor of x and y, and x*y is the least common multiple. For boolean arguments (0 and 1) +. is equivalent to or, and x*y.

0 0 1 1 +. 0 1 0 1 is 0 1 1 1

0 0 1 1 *. 0 1 0 1 is 0 0 0 1

x+:y is -.x+.y, and x*:y is -.x*.y.

-. (Verb)

NOT (_) -.y is 1-y; for a boolean argument it is the complement (not); for a probability, it is the complementary probability.

LESS $(\underline{})$ Items of x-.y are all of the items of x except for those that are cells of y.

-: (Verb)

HALVE (_) -: y is y*2.

MATCH (__) -: yields 1 if its arguments match: in shapes, boxing, and elements; but using tolerant comparison. See Equal (=).

8. (Verb)

MATRIX INVERSE (2) If y is a non-singular matrix, then \$.y is the inverse of y, and hence (\$.y) + / . *y is the identity matrix id=. =i.{:\$y.

More generally, \$.y is defined in terms of the dyadic case as id \$.y, or, equivalently, by the relation (\$.y)+/..*x is (x\$.y). The shape of \$.y is |.\$y. The degenerate vector and scalar cases are defined by using , .y, but the shape of the result is \$y. For a non-zero vector y, the result of \$.y is a vector collinear with y whose length is the reciprocal of that of y.

MATRIX DIVIDE (2) If the columns of y are linearly independent, and if #x and #y agree, then x*y minimizes the atoms of x=.+/d*+d=.x-y+/. *x*y. If y is square, it is necessarily invertible (since its columns are independent); the elements of x are

all 0, and y+/. *x*.y matches x. As in the monadic case, degenerate cases of y are treated as x.y.

Geometrically, y+/. *x*.y is the projection of the vector x on the column space of y, the point in the space spanned by the columns that is nearest to x. Common uses of *. are in the solution of linear equations; and in the approximation of functions by polynomials, as in the expression c=. (£ x) *. x ^ / i.4.

%: (Verb)

SQUARE ROOT () %:y is 2%:y.

ROOT (00) x %: y is y^%x.

^ (Verbs)

EXPONENTIAL, NATURAL LOGARITHM $() ^y$ is equivalent to e^y , where e is *Euler's* number 1 (approximately 2.71828). The natural logarithm $(^.)$ is inverse to 1 (that is, $y = ^. ^y$ and $y = ^. ^y$.

POWER, LOGARITHM (00) x^2 and x^3 and $x^0.5$ are the square, cube, and square root of x. The general definition of x^y is y^* . x, applying for complex numbers as well as real. For a nonnegative integer right argument it is equivalent to y^* ; in particular, y^* on an empty list is 1, and y^0 is 1 for any y^0 , including 0.

The fit conjunction applies to the power as follows: $x ^! . k n$ is */x-k*i.n. In particular, $^! . _1$ is the falling factorial function.

The base-x logarithm $x^*.y$ is the inverse of power in the sense that $y=x^*.x^*y$ and $y=x^*.x^*y$.

u^:n (Conjunction)

POWER (_) Two cases occur: a numeric integer n, and a gerund n.

Numeric case. The verb u is applied n times. For example,

-/^:2 y is -/-/y. An array argument n may be used, as in

o.^: (i.4) 1. Infinite n produces the limit of the application of

u. Thus, 250.^:_ (1) is 0.73908, the solution of the equation
y=Cos y.

If n is negative, the obverse u^:_1 is applied In times. The obverse (which is normally the inverse) is specified for five cases:

1. The pairs in the following lists:

- 2. Obviously invertible monads such as -63 and 106^. and 1 0 26|: and 36|. and 160. and a.5i. as well as u@v and u&v and u&v if u and v are invertible
- 3. Monads of the form $\sqrt{\}$ and $\sqrt{\}$. where $\sqrt{\}$ is one of + * * = ~:
- 4. Obverses specified by :.
- 5. All others by a linear approximation

Gerund case. (Compare with the gerund case of the adverb))

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x u^: (v0`v1`v2) y is (x v0 y) u^:(x v1 y) (x v2 y)
u^: (v0`v1`v2) y is u^:( v1 y) ( v2 y)
u^: ( v1`v2) y is u^:( v1 y) ( v2 y)
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CHAIN (_) Denoting x u^n : n y by Rn, it is the result of Rn-2 u Rn-1, where R0 is x and R1 is y. Also, x u^n : y is Rn for the least n for which Rn equals Rn+1 and Rn+2 equals Rn+3. Thus, 1^n : y is GCD. See Tu [12].

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u^:v (Conjunction)
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POWER (_) 'u^: (v y.)y.':'' ^:_
CHAIN (_ _) '' : 'x.&u^: (x.&v)y.'
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\$ (Verb)

SHAPE OF (_) \$ y yields the shape of y as defined in II.A.

SHAPE $(1_{\underline{}})$ The shape of $x \le y$ is x, $s \ge y$ where $s \ge y$ is the shape of an item of y:

У	2 2 \$ y
abcd	abcd
efgh	efgh
ijkl	ijkl
	abod

This example shows how the result is formed from the *items* of y, the last 1-cell (abcd) showing that the selection is cyclic.

\$. (Pronoun)

SUITE See Explicit Definition (:) for use in sequence control.

\$: (Proverb, Pro-adverb, Pro-conjunction)

SELF-REFERENCE (____) \$: is a proxy that assumes the result of the phrase in which it occurs, the phrase being terminated on the left by a copula or the completion of the sentence. For example, 1: \((*\\$: 0<:) \) .*5 yields !5.

m~ (Adverb)

EVOKE (_) If m is a proverb, then 'm'~y is equal to m y.

u~ (Adverb)

REFLEXIVE (_) u~ y is y u y.

PASSIVE (ru lu) ~ commutes or crosses connections to arguments: x u~ y is y u x.

~ . (Verb)

NUB (_) ~.y selects the *nub* of y, that is, all of its distinct items. For example:

More precisely, the nub is found by selecting the leading item, suppressing from the argument all items tolerantly equal to it, selecting the next remaining item, and so on.

~: (Verb)

NUBSIEVE (_) ~: y is a boolean list b such that b#y is the nub of y. NOT EQUAL (0 0) x~:y is 1 if x is tolerantly unequal to y. See Equal (=).

(Verb)

MAGNITUDE (_) | y is %:y*+y. For example, | _6 3j4 is 6 5.

RESIDUE (0 0) The familiar use of residue is in determining the remainder on dividing a non-negative integer by a positive integer. For example, 3|0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 is 0 1 2 0 1 2 0 1. The definition y-x*<. y % x+0=x extends this notion to a zero left argument (which yields the right argument unchanged), and to negative and fractional arguments. For a negative left argument, the result ranges between the left argument and zero, as it does for a positive left argument. For example:

However, to produce a true zero for cases such as $(%3) \mid (2%3)$, the residue is made tolerant: If s=. y%x+x=0, then $x \mid y$ is y-x*<.s if (x~:0)*.(>.s)~:<.s and is otherwise y*x=0.

For example, 0.1 | 2.5 3.64 2 _1.6 is 0 0.04 0 0. The definition also applies to complex numbers, using the properties of floor on complex arguments.

(Verb)

REVERSE, RIGHT SHIFT (_) | .y reverses the order of the items of y:

y i.;
abcd ijkl
efgh efgh
ijkl abcd

The right shift | . ! . p y is _1 | . ! . p y.

ROTATE, SHIFT (0 _) x | .y rotates the items of y:

y 1 | y 1 | y abcd efgh ijkl abcd ijkl abcd efgh

The phrase $x \mid .!.p$ y produces a *shift*: the items $(-x) \{.x\}.y$ are amended by $().\$y) (\$,)"1 _1 (|x) \$r$ where r is p unless 0=#p, when it is the *fill* defined under $\{...\}$

: (Verb)

TRANSPOSE (_) |: y reverses the order of the axes of y.

TRANSPOSE $(1_) \times | : y$ moves axes x to the tail end. If x is boxed, the axes in each box are *run together* to produce a single axis in the result. For example:

y	2 1 :y	(<2 1) :y
abcd	aei	afk
efgh	bfj	MIM
ijk1	cgk	
- ·	dh1	:i. 3 4
mnop		0 4 8
qrst	wda	159
#AAX	nrv	2 6 10
	OSW	3 7 11
	ptx	

u . V (Conjunction)

DETERMINANT (2) The phrases -/ . * and +/ . * are the determinant and permanent of square matrix arguments. More generally, u . v is defined in terms of a recursive expansion by minors along the first column. Thus, u . v is defined by:

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v/0, ({."1 u . v$:@minors)0.(16<0{:0$)"2 where minors=. }."10(16([\.)).
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DOT PRODUCT $(___)$ For vectors and matrices, $\mathbf{x}+/$. *y is equivalent to the *dot*, *inner*, or *matrix* product of math, and other rank-0 verbs such as <. and *. are treated analogously. In general, u. v is defined by u@ (\mathbf{v} " (1+1 \mathbf{v} ,__)). In other words, u is applied to the result of v on lists of "left argu-

In other words, u is applied to the result of v on lists of "left argument cells" and the right argument in toto. The number of items in a list of left argument cells must agree with the number of items in the right argument. For example, if v has ranks 2 and 3 and the shapes of x and y are 2 3 4 5 6 and 4 7 8 9 10 11, then there are 2 3 lists of left argument cells (each shaped 4 5 6); and if the shape of a result cell is sx, then the overall shape is 2 3 7 8, sx.

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u .. v u .: v (Conjunctions)
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EVEN, ODD

u .. v is u -:@:+ u&v u .: v is u -:@:- u&v

m: **n** (Conjunction)

EXPLICIT DEFINITION ($_$ $_$) If n is non-numeric, the conjunc-

tion: produces a verb whose monadic and dyadic cases are determined by m and n, respectively. If f=.'2 f y.': 'y.^%x.', then f 64 is the square root and 3 f 64 is the cube root of 64.

As illustrated by the foregoing, x. and y. denote the arguments. In general, m and n are boxed lists, and the boxed sentences are executed in a sequence determined by the *suite* \$.. An open list is treated as a single box, and the items of an open table are treated as a list of boxes. Thus:

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a=. ',x.[$.=.y.#1'
b=. a;'x.=.(x.,0)+(0,x.)'
g=. '1 g y.' : b
1 g 4
1 4 6 4 1
g 4
1 4 6 4 1
```

The suite \$. is initially set to i.ns, where ns is the number of sentences; in this example, it is reset to execute sentence 1 the number of times specified by the right argument. The result of the verb is the result of the sentence executed last.

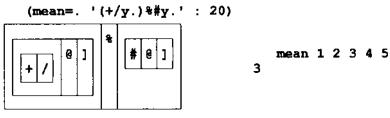
Any name assigned by the copula =. is made strictly local on its first assignment; that is, values assigned to the name have no effect on the use of the name outside of the verb or within other verbs invoked by it. The names x. y. x: x: are also local.

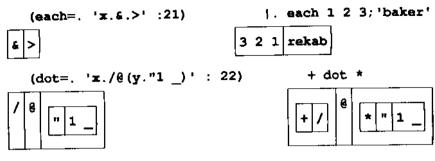
If sentence k begins with a name followed by a right parenthesis, the name is local and is set to k).i.ns. Such a *label* is useful in setting the suite to effect *branching*.

m : 1 yields an adverb; its left argument is substituted for x. in m.

m: 2 is a conjunction.

The right arguments 20, 21, and 22 produce tacit definitions of verb, adverb, and conjunction, respectively. For example:





1 2 3 + dot * i. 3 5 40 46 52 58 64

m: v u: n u: v (Conjunction)

EXPLICIT DEFINITION (_____) The first argument specifies the monadic case, and the second argument the dyadic case, using in m and n the conventions used in m : n.

u:. V (Conjunction)

OBVERSE (mu lu ru) The result of u :. v is the verb u, but with an assigned obverse v (used as the "inverse" under the conjunctions &. and ^:).

u:: v (Conjunction)

ADVERSE The result of u :: v is that of u, provided that u completes without error; otherwise the result is the result of v.

, (Verb)

RAVEL (_), y gives a list of the atoms of y in "normal" order; the result is ordered by items, by items within items, etc. The result shape is 1\$*/\$ y. Thus, ,i.2 3 4 is equal to i.*/2 3 4.

APPEND ITEMS (___) **x**, **y** appends items of **y** to items of **x** after 1) Reshaping an atomic argument to the shape of the items of the other, 2) Bringing the items to a common rank (of at least 1) by repeatedly *itemizing* (,:) any of lower rank, and 3) Bringing them to a common shape by padding with fill elements in the manner described in Section II.B. For example:

'abc','d' 5 6 7, y=.i.2 3 y,7
abcd 5 6 7 0 1 2
0 1 2 3 4 5
3 4 5 7 7 7

, (Verb)

RAVEL ITEMS (_) If y is an atom, then , .y is 1 1\$y; otherwise, .y is , "_1 y, the table formed by ravelling each item of y.

APPEND (_ _) ,. is equivalent to , "_1.

, : (Verb)

ITEMIZE (_) ,:y adds a single unit axis to y, making the shape 1,\$y.

LAMINATE $(__)$ An atomic argument in x, :y is first reshaped to the shape of the other (or to a list if the other argument is also atomic); the results are then itemized and catenated, as in (,:x), (,:y).

; (Verb)

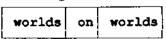
RAZE (_) ;y assembles along a leading axis the opened elements of the ravel of y:

LINK $(__)$ x; y is (<x), y if y is boxed, and (<x), <y if y is open.

u ; . **n** (Conjunction)

CUT (_) The phrase u; . 1 y applies u to each of a set of intervals of items of y to produce the items of the result. Each interval begins at an occurrence of the *delimiter* 0 (y. For example:

s=. 5 3
<:.1 y=.' worlds on worlds'



=<>_ +*-% ^\$~[.:, 81 ;#! /\[] {}"` @&?)

\$;.1 y	s \$i.9	+/;.1 s \$i.9
7	0 1 2	9 12 15
3	3 4 5	3 5 7
7	678	
	0 1 2	
	3 4 5	

The phrase u; _1 y differs only in that delimiters are excluded from the intervals. In u; .2 and u; _2 the delimiter is the *last* item, and marks the ends of intervals.

The phrase u; .0 y applies u to y after reversing y along each axis, and is equivalent to (0 _1 */\$y) u; .0 y.

The monads u; .3 and u; .3 apply u to tessellation by "maximal cubes", that is, they are defined by their dyadic cases using the left argument (\$\$y)\$<./\$y.

CUT (__) The dyads u; .1 and u; ._1 and u; ._2 and u; ._2 differ from the monads in that the intervals are delimited by the ones in the boolean argument x. Thus:

The phrase x u; .0 y applies u to a rectangle or cuboid of y with one vertex at the point in y indexed by $v=.0\{x$, and with the opposite vertex determined as follows: the dimension is $|1\{x\}|$, but the rectangle extends back from v along any axis for which the index v is negative. Finally, the order of the selected items is reversed along each axis v for which v for example:

The cases u_i . 3 and u_i . 3 provide (possibly overlapping) tessellations. The phrase x u_i . 3 y applies u to each *complete* rectangle of size $\{1\}$ obtained by beginning at all positions obtained as integer multiples of (each item of) the *movement* vector 0 $\{x$. As in

u; .0, reversal of each piece occurs along an axis for which the dimension 1(x is negative.

The degenerate case of a list x is equivalent to the left argument 1, :x, and therefore provides a complete tessellation of size x.

The case u; .3 differs from u; ._3 only in that any shards of sizes less than |1(x are included. For example:

у	(3 2;2 3)<;.3				
abcdef	<u> </u>				
ghijkl	apc	cde ijk	ei		
mopqr	ghi	ijk	kl		
stuvwx	ļ —				
yzABCD	stu	uvw	WX		
	yzA	ABC	CD		

; : (Verb)

WORD FORMATION (1) ;: y is the list of boxed words in the list y according to the rhematic rules of Section I.

(Verb)

TALLY (_) #y is the number of items in y.

COPY (1_) If the arguments have an equal number of items, then $x \neq y$ copies +/x items from y, with $i \neq x$ repetitions of item $i \neq y$; if one is an atom, it is repeated to make the item count of the arguments equal; if both are atoms they are treated as one-element lists.

. (Verb)

BASE-2 (1) The base-2 value of y, that is, 2#.y.

BASE (1 1) x#.y is a weighted sum of the items of y; that is, +/w*y, where w is the product scan $*/\.$).x, 1. For example, if $a=.1 \ 2 \ 3[b=.24 \ 60 \ 60$, then 10#.a is 123, and b#.a is 3723.

#: (Verb)

ANTIBASE-2 (_) #: y is the binary representation of y, and is equivalent to (m#2) #:y, where m is the maximum of the number of digits needed to represent the atoms of y in base 2. For example:

ANTIBASE (1 0) In simple cases, #: is inverse to #.; in general, x#.x#:y is (*/x) |y.

! (Verb)

FACTORIAL (_) For a non-negative integer argument y, the definition is */>:i.y. In general, !y is gamma >:y.

OUT OF (COMBINATIONS) (0 0) For non-negative arguments x!y is the number of ways that x things can be chosen out of y. More generally, (x!y) is (!y)*(!x)*(!y-x) with the understanding that infinities (occasioned by ! on a negative integer) cancel if they occur in both numerator and denominator. Thus:

! . (Conjunction)

FIT (CUSTOMIZE) This conjunction modifies certain verbs in ways prescribed in their definitions. For example, =!.t is the relation of equality, using tolerance t.

!: (Conjunction)

FOREIGN: This conjunction is used to communicate with the host system as well as with the keyboard (as an input file) and with the screen (as an output file). Details are given in Appendix D.

m/ u/ (Adverb)

INSERT (_) If m is a gerund, then m/y inserts successive verbs from m between items of y. Thus, +'*/i.6 is 0+1*2+3*4+5. The gerund m may extend cyclically. For the verb case, u/y applies the dvad u between the items of y. Thus:

If y has no items (that is, 0=#y), the result of u/y is the identity element of the function u. An identity element of a function u is a value e such that either x u e is x, or e u x is x for every x in the domain (or perhaps some significant sub-domain such as boolean) of u. This definition of insertion over an argument having zero items extends partitioning identities of the form (+/y)-: (+/k(.y)++/k).y to the cases k=.0 and k=.#y.

The identity function of a verb u is a function if u such that (if u y) -: (u/y) if 0=#y. The identity functions are:

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> + - +. ~: | (2 4 5 6 b.)
$4001.05
               = <: >: * * *. *: ^ ! (1 9 11 13 b.)
$4101.05
$£ 0}.0$
                           ≺.
$4_ _0}.0$
i.@(0a,)@(2a}.)@$
i.0(1&(.)0).0$
                           C. {
                           8. +/ . *
=0i.0(16{.})0{.}.05
ifu@#
                           u/
$&(v^: 1 ifu$0)@}.@$
                           u&.v
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FUNCTION TABLE $(__)$ If x and y are numeric lists, then x */ y is their multiplication table. For example:

```
1 2 3 */ 4 5 6 7
4 5 6 7
8 10 12 14
12 15 18 21
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In general, each cell of x is applied to the entire y. Thus $x \neq y$ is $x \neq y$ (lu,) y.

u/. (Adverb)

OBLIQUE (_) u/.y applies u to each of the oblique lines of a table y. For example, if p=. 1 2 1 and q=. 1 3 3 1, then:

More generally, u/.y is the result of applying u to the oblique lines of 2-cells of y. If the rank of y is less than two, y is treated as the table, y.

KEY (__) x u/. y is (=x) u@# y, that is, items of x specify keys for corresponding items of y and u is applied to each collection of y having identical keys. Thus:

1 2 3 1 3 2 1 </.'abcdefg' is 'adg'; 'bf'; 'ce' .

m\ (Adverb)

TRAIN (max over ranks of gerunds) m\ is equivalent to the train of verbs represented by the gerund m.

u\u\. (Adverb)

PREFIX, SUFFIX (_) u\y has #y items resulting from applying u to each of the prefixes k(.y, for k from 1 to #y. Thus, <\'abc' is (,'a');'abc', and +/\ 1 2 3 4 is 1 3 6 10.

u\.y has #y items resulting from applying u to suffixes of y, beginning with one of length #y (that is, y itself), and continuing through a suffix of length 1.

INFIX, OUTFIX (0_) If a is positive, then the items of a u\y result from applying u to each infix of length a. If a is negative, then u is applied to the non-overlapping infixes of length |a, including a possible final shard. For example, if q=.'abcde', then 2<\q is 'ab';'bc';'cd';'de', and 2<\q is 'ab';'cd';,'e'.

If x is positive in the expression x u\. y, then u applies to the outfixes of y obtained by suppressing successive infixes of length x. If x is negative, the outfixes are determined by suppressing non-overlapping infixes, the last of which may be a shard: 2<\.q is 'cde'; 'ade'; 'abe'; 'abe'.

/: \: (Verbs)

GRADE UP, GRADE DOWN (_) /: grades its argument, yielding a permutation vector such that (/: y) { y sorts y in ascending order. For example:

]g=. /:y=. 3 1 4 2 1 3 3

1 4 3 0 5 6 2

g(y 1 1 2 3 3 3 4

Elements of g that select equal elements of y are in ascending order.

If y is a table, /:y grades the base value of the rows, using a base

larger than twice the magnitude of any of the elements. Any y of higher rank is treated as , .y, that is, as if its items were each ravelled.

If y is literal, /:y grades according to the collating sequence specified by the alphabet a.; any other collating sequence cs can be imposed by grading cs i.y.

Downgrade is like upgrade, except that the items of (\:y) (y are in descending order.

SORT $(__)$ x/:y is (/:y) {x; that is, x is sorted into an order specified by y. In particular, y/:y (or /:-y) sorts y.

[] (Verbs)

SAME (_) Each yields its argument.

LEFT, RIGHT (__,) [(left bracket) yields the left argument, and 1 the right.

[.]. (Conjunctions)

LEV, DEX (. yields the left argument and] . the right.

CATALGUE (1) (y forms a catalogue from the atoms of its argument, its shape being the chain of the shapes of the opened items of y, and the common shape of the boxed results is \$y. The case {a: <b is called the Cartesian product of a and b. Thus:

n

hag	hat	haw
hog	hot	how

c

10	0	10	1	10	2
10	3	10	4	10	5

tag	tat	taw
tog	tot	tow

11	0	11	1	11	2
11	3	11	4	11	5

FROM $(0_)$ If x is an integer in the range from -#y to <: #y, then x(y) selects item (#y) | x from y. More generally, x may be a boxed list, whose successive elements are (possibly) boxed lists that specify selection along successive axes of y. For example:

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y 2 0 {y
abcdef mnopqr
ghijkl abcdef
mnopqr
(<2 0) {y (<2 0;1 3) {y
m np
bd
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Finally, if any $r=.>j\{>x$ used in the selection is itself boxed, selection is made by the indices along that axis that do not occur in >r. For example, (<(<<2 0), (<<1 3)) {y is gikl.

m} u} (Adverb)

If m is numeric, the verb m) is m"_}

If m is a gerund, then:

ITEM AMEND (_) u}y is an amendment of the items of y whose shape is the shape of an item of y. Each atom is selected as a corresponding atom in an item, the item being specified by the index in the corresponding position of u y (whose shape must be the shape of an item of y). If m=.0 1 3 1 2, and u=. ma [, then:

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y uy u}y m}y
abcde 01312 agrio agrio
fghij
klmno
pqrst
```

AMEND $(_ _)$ If x has the same shape as the index array j=. x u y, then x u) y amends x and y by inserting atoms of x in the selected positions of y. In other words, the values of , x replace the values of (, i) (, y).

More generally, the shape of x may be a suffix of the shape of j, and the result is an amendment of y by (\$j)\$,x.

Thus, 'BD' 1 3) 'abod' is aBcD, and if x=.'AGMS' and u=.(<0 1) & |: @i. @\$@] (selecting diagonal indices), then u y is 0 6 12 18, and:

{ . (Verb)

HEAD (_) { .y selects the leading item of y; that is, 0 (y.

TAKE (1) If x is an atom, x{.y takes from y an interval of |x| items; beginning at the front if x>:0, ending at the tail if x<0:

	Y		2{.y		4 { . y		_4{.y
0	1	0	1	0	1	0	<u> </u>
2	3	2	3	2	3	0	1
4	5			4	5	2	3
				0	0	4	5

In an overtake (as in 4{.y and _4{y above}), extra items consist of fills; zeros if y is numeric, <\$0 if it is boxed, and spaces otherwise. The fill f is also determined by fit, as in {. !. f.

If y is an atom, the result of $1\{.y \text{ is a one-element list. Finally, if } \$y \text{ is } 0, s, \text{ then the fill items are } \$\$0$. In general, x may be a list of length not more than \$\$y; the effect of element k is $(k(x)\{."((\$\$y)-k) y.$

}. (Verb)

BEHEAD (_) }.y selects the rest of the items of y after the first; it is equivalent to 1}.y.

DROP $(0_)$ **x**). **y** drops (at most) | **x** items from **y** in a manner analogous to {...

}: {: (Verbs)

TAIL, CURTAIL (_) }:y is _1}.y and {:y is _1{y.

m " **n** (Conjunction)

CONSTANT (1.3\$1.n) The derived verb m'n produces the constant result m for each cell to which it applies. If n has one element, it specifies all ranks; if two, the last of them specifies the rank of the monad as well as the right rank.

u " n (Conjunction)

RANK (1.3\$1.n) The verb u"n is equal to u except that its ranks are determined by n as specified under m"n. See Section II.B.

u " V (Conjunction)

RANK (mv lv rv) The verb u"v is u but with the ranks of v. Use b. to obtain ranks, as in v b. 0 and u"v b. 0.

" . (Verb)

DO (1) ".y is the result of executing the character list or atom y. Thus, ".'a=. 3+4' assigns the value 7 to a and yields the explicit result 7. The result of ". on the empty list is itself.

DO LEFT IF ERROR (1 1) x ". y is the same as ".y if y is a valid sentence; otherwise it is the result of ".x, which may invoke an error report in the normal manner.

": (Verb)

FORMAT (_) ": y is equal to x ": y, where x is chosen to provide a minimum of one space between columns. Default output is identical to this monadic case.

The fit conjunction (!.) specifies the number of digits for real numbers. Thus, ":!. 4 (5%3) yields 1.667.

FORMAT (11) \mathbf{x} ": \mathbf{y} produces a literal representation of \mathbf{y} in a format specified by \mathbf{x} . Each element \mathbf{e} of \mathbf{x} controls the representation of the corresponding element of \mathbf{y} as follows:

w=. <.1e specifies the total width allocated; if this space is inadequate, the entire space is filled with asterisks. If w is zero, enough space is allocated.

d=.<.10*(|e) -w specifies the number of digits following the decimal point (which is itself included only if d is not zero).

Any negative sign is placed just before the leading digit.

If e>:0, the result is right-justified in the space w.

If e<0, the result is put in exponential form (with one digit before the decimal point) and is left-justified except for two fixed spaces allowed on the left (including one for a possible negative sign).

m n m v u n u v (Conjunction)

GERUND: u'v is au, av, where au and av are the (boxed noun) atomic representations of u and v. Moreover, m'n is m, n and m'v is m, av and u'n is au, n. See Bernecky [13].

m : **n** (Conjunction)

EVOKE GERUND: The cases `:3 and `:6 correspond to the adverbs / (Insert), and \ (Train). The remaining cases follow:

m `: 0

APPEND (max over ranks of gerunds) The items resulting from the verb m': 0 are the results of the individual gerunds in m.

u @ v (Conjunction)

ATOP (mv) u@v y is u v y (the same as u&v y).

ATOP (lv rv) x u@v y is u x v y. For example, 3 | @- 7 is 4.

m @. v (Conjunction)

AGENDA (mv, lv, rv) m@. w is a verb defined by the gerund m with an agenda specified by w; that is, if the result of the verb w is the index i, then the verb represented by element i of m is applied.

u @: **v** (Conjunction)

AT (_ __) @: is equivalent to @ except that the ranks are infinite.

m & v u & n (Conjunctions)

WITH (_) may y is defined by m v y, and uan y by y u n.

u & v (Conjunction)

COMPOSE or AND (mv mv mv) usv y is u v y (the same as usv y) and x usv y is (v x) u (v y).

u &. v (Conjunction)

UNDER (mv mv mv) The verb $u \in v$ is equivalent to the composition $u \in v$ except that the verb obverse to v is applied to the result for each cell. Obverses are discussed under the power conjunction * :. For example, the phrase $x+\varepsilon$. * . y yields the product of x and y, and y, and y reverses each of the boxed elements of y.

=<>_ +*-% ^\$~| .:, 91 ;#! /\[] {}"` @&?)

u &: v (Conjunction)

APPOSE (_ _ _) &: is equivalent to & except that its ranks are infinite.

? (Verb)

ROLL (_) ? yields a uniform random selection from the population i.v.

DEAL (0 0) x?y is a list of x items randomly chosen without repetition from i.y.

) (Special)

LABEL The parenthesis sets off a label in explicit definition (see :).

a. (Noun)

ALPHABET a. is a list of the elements of the alphabet; it determines the collating sequence used in grading and sorting (/: and \:).

A. (Verb)

ATOMIC PERMUTE (1 0) If **T** is the table of all !n permutations of order n arranged in lexical order (that is, /:**T** is i.!n), then **k** is said to be the atomic representation of the permutation **k**(**T**. Moreover, **k A**. **b** permutes items of **b** by the permutation of order #b whose atomic representation is (#b) |**k**. For example, **1 A**. **b** transposes the last two items of **b** and **1 A**. **b** reverses all items, and **3 A**. **b** and **4 A**. **b** rotate the last three items of **b**. Finally, the phrase (i.!n) **A**. i.n produces the ordered table of all permutations of order **n**, as does (i.£! **A**. i.) **n**.

The monad A. applied to any cycle or direct permutation yields its atomic representation. Thus, A. 0 3 2 1 is 5, as are A.3 2 1 and A.0;2;3 1 and A.<3 1.

b. (Adverb)

BOOLEAN (_) m b. y is 0 m b.y.

BOOLEAN (00) For $m \in 1.16$, the phrase $m \in 1.16$ boolean function, that is, $m \in 1.16$ by is the value in row $m \in 1.16$ and column $m \in 1.16$ of $m \in 1.16$ m. For example, $m \in 1.16$ is

$$=<>_ +^*-% ^$~| .:, 92 ;#! /\[] {}"` @ &?)$$

or and 1 b. is and. The integer m may also be negative (down to 16), and is treated as 16 | m.

BASE CHARACTERISTICS (_) u b. y gives the obverse of u if y=. _1; its ranks if y=. 0; and its identity function if y=. 1. Thus:

C. (Verb)

CHARACTERISTIC (2) c. y yields the characteristic, own, or eigen values of its argument, arranged in ascending order on imaginary part within real within magnitude. An atom or list y is treated as the table, .y.

CHARACTERISTIC (0 2) 0 c. y is a diagonal matrix with the eigenvalues c. y on the diagonal. Also, _1 c. y and 1 c. y are the left and right eigenvectors. Thus, +/ . */ _1 0 1 c. y equals y.

C. (Verb)

PERMUTE [CYCLE TO/FROM DIRECT] (1) If p is a permutation of the atoms of i.n, then p is said to be a permutation vector of order n, and if n=#b, then p (b is a permutation of the items of b.

C.p yields a list of boxed lists of the atoms of i.#p, called the standard cycle representation of the permutation p. For example, if p=.4 5 2 1 0 3, then C.p is (,2);4 0;5 3 1 because the permutation p moves to position 2 the item 2, to 4 the item 0, to 0 the item 4, to 5 the item 3, to 3 the item 1, and to 1 the item 5. The monad C. is self-inverse; applied to a standard cycle it gives the corresponding direct representation.

A given permutation could be represented by cycles in a variety of ways; the standard form is made unique by the following restrictions: the cycles are disjoint and exhaustive (i.e., the atoms of the boxed elements together form a permutation vector); each boxed cycle is rotated to begin with its largest element; and the boxed cycles are put in ascending order on their leading elements.

PERMUTE (1_) If p and c are standard and cycle representations of order #b, then p c.b and c c.b produce the corresponding permutations of items of b. More generally, since the tally of b determines the order of the permutation, the arguments p and c can be non-standard in ways to be defined. In particular, negative integers down to -#b may be used, and are treated as their residues modulo #b.

If q is not boxed, and if the elements of (#b) | q are distinct, then q C.b is equivalent to p C.b, where p is the standard form of q given by p=. ((i.n)-.n|q), n|q where n=.#b. In other words, positions occurring in q are moved to the tail end. If q is boxed, the elements of (#b) |>j{q must be distinct for each j, and the boxes are applied in succession: $(2\ 1;3\ 0\ 1)$ C.i.5 is $(<2\ 1)$ C. $(<3\ 0\ 1)$ C.i.5, and is equivalent to the standard direct permutation 1 2 3 0 4.

The monad c. is extended to non-negative non-standard cases by treating any argument q as a representation of a permutation of order 1+>./; q.

D. (Conjunction)

DERIVATIVE (mu) u D. n is the nth derivative of u. Thus:

```
cube=. ^£3"0
cube D. 1 x=. 2 3 4
12 27 48
cube D. 2 x
12 18 24
cube D. 3 x
6 6 6
```

(volume=. */"1) x

If the argument rank of u is a and the result rank is r, then the argument rank of u D. n is also a, but its result rank is r+a: the result of u D. n is the (nth) derivative of each atom of the result of u with respect to each element of its argument. For example:

```
24
    volume D. 1 x

12 8 6
    (VOLUMES=. */\"1) x

2 6 24

= <> _ +*-% ^$~[ .:, 94 ;#! /\[] {}"` @ &?)
```

```
VOLUMES D. 1 x
```

0 2 8

0 0 6

determinant=. -/ . * [. permanent=. +/ . *

The following adverbs first assign ranks to their arguments, and then take the first derivative; they are convenient for use in scalar and vector calculus. Thus, if y=. 1r2p1 _1r4p1 and sin=. 160::

e. (Verb)

RAZE IN (_) e.y produces a boolean result that determines for each atom of y whether its open contains each item of the raze of y. Thus if y=.'abc';'dc';'a', then:

У	; y	е.у			
	abcdca	111011			
abc dc a		001110			
		100001			

MEMBER (IN) $(___)$ If x has the shape of an item of y, then x e. y is 1 if x matches an item of y. In general, x e. y is (#y)>y i. x. Thus:

E. (Verb)

MEMBER OF INTERVAL $(\underline{})$ The *ones* in b=. $\mathbf{x} \mathbf{E}$. \mathbf{y} indicate the beginning points of occurrences of the pattern \mathbf{x} in \mathbf{y} :

```
'co' E. 'cocoa'
1 0 1 0 0
=<>_ +*-% ^$~| .:, 95 ;#! /\[] {}"` @&?)
```

f. (Adverb)

FIX If sum=.+/ and g=.sum f.\ then the verb sum is fixed in the definition of g, in that subsequent changes in the definition of sum will not affect the definition of g. The name denoted by m is (recursively) replaced by its referent.

i. (Verb)

INTEGERS (1) The shape of i.y is |y, and its atoms are the first */|y non-negative integers. For example:

i. 2 3	i. 2 _3	
0 1 2	210	
3 4 5	5 4 3	
i. ''	i. 4	i4
0	0 1 2 3	3 2 1 0

As shown in the examples, a negative element in y causes reversal of the atoms along the corresponding axis.

INDEX OF (___) If rix is the rank of an item of x, then the shape of the result of x i.y is (-rix)).\$y. Each atom of the result is either #x or the index of the first occurrence among the items of x of the corresponding rix-cell of y. The comparison in x i. y is tolerant.

j. (Verb)

COMPLEX (00) j.y is 0j1*y and x j. y is x+j. y.

NB. (Special)

COMMENT The rest of the line is ignored.

O. (Verb)

PI TIMES (_) o. y yields pi times y. For example, o. 1 is approximately 3.14159.

CIRCLE (00) If k>:0, then k o.y yields one of the circular, hyperbolic, or pythagorean functions, as follows:

k	Function	k	Function	k	Function
0	%:1-y^2	4	%:1+y^2	8	%:->:y^2
1	Sine y	5	Sinh y	9	(y++y) %2
2	Cosine y	6	Cosh y	10	lу
3	Tangent y	7	Tanh y	11	(y-+y) %0j2
				12	(^.*v)%0i1

(-k) o.y is inverse to k o. y. The cases _1, _4, _9, and _10 are Arcsine y and %:<:y^2 and y and +y. The arguments of sin, cos, and tan (and the results of their inverses) are in radians.

P. (Verb)

POLYNOMIAL (1) p. is a self-inverse transformation between an open list of coefficients of a polynomial and the corresponding boxed list of a multiplier and a list of roots: the functions yep. and (p. y) sp. are equivalent.

POLYNOMIAL (10) If x is open, then x p.y is the result of the polynomial in y with coefficients x; that is, $+/x*y^i.#x$. If x is boxed, then x p y is the polynomial in terms of a multiplier $>\{.x$ and roots $>\{:x;$ that is, $(>\{.x)**/y-(>\{:x).$

r. (Verb)

POLAR (00) r.y is ^j.y and x r. y is x*r. y.

X. Y. (Surrogate arguments)

These denote the arguments in an explicit definition, using :.

0: 1: to 9: (Verbs)

ZERO, ONE, ..., NINE: (_ __) The results are 0 and 1 etc.

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APPENDIX A

ALTERNATIVE SPELLINGS FOR NATIONAL USE CHARACTERS

		•	•			•	•
9	AT.	AT1.	AT2.	#	NO.	NO1.	NO2.
٨	BS.	BS1.	BS2.	1	RB.	RB1.	RB2.
^	CA.	CA1.	CA2.	}	RC.	RC1.	RC2.
•	GR.	GR1.	GR2.	\$	SH.	SH1.	SH2.
[LB.	LB1.	LB2.	1	ST.	ST1.	ST2.
(LC.	LC1.	LC2.	~	TI.	TI1.	TI2.

APPENDIX B NUMERIC CONSTANTS

NOUNS

The symbols used in forming numeric constants are interpreted in a sequence determined by the following hierarchy:

The decimal point is obeyed first

The negative sign is obeyed next

e Exponential (scientific) notation

Rational number

ad ar j Complex (magnitude and angle) in degrees or radians; Complex number

Numbers based on pi (0.1) and on Euler's number (the exponential ^1)

b Base value (using a to z for 10 to 35)

For example, 2.3 denotes two and three-tenths and _2.3 denotes its negation; but _2j3 denotes a complex number with real part _2 and imaginary part 3, not the negation of the complex number 2j3. Furthermore, symbols at the same level of the hierarchy cannot be used together: 1p2x3 is an ill-formed number.

The following lists illustrate the main points:

```
2.3e2 2.3e_2 2j3 2r3
230 0.023 2j3 0.666667

2p1 1r2p1 1r4p1 1p_1
6.28319 1.5708 0.785398 0.31831

1x2 2x1 1x_1
7.38906 5.43656 0.367879

2e2r4j2e2r2 2e2r4j2e2r2p1 2ad45 2ar0.785398
50j100 157.08j314.159 1.41421j1.41421 1.41421j1.41421

16b1f 10b23 _10b23 1r10b23 1e2b23 2b111.111
31 23 17 3.2 203 7.875
```

VERBS

A single digit followed by a colon denotes the corresponding constant verb of infinite rank. For example, if x=.1234, then:

APPENDIX C LOCATIVES

A name that includes an underbar (_) is a *locative*. Names used in a *locale* **F** can be referred to in another locale **G** by using the prefix **F** in a locative name of the form **F_pqr**, thus avoiding conflict with otherwise identical names in the locale **G**.

The referent of a locative can be established in either of two ways:

- a) By assignment, as in F_pqr=. i. 5.
- b) By saving a session in some locale; the names established in the session can thereafter be referred to by using the locale as a prefix in a locative name. For example:

```
names=. 4!:1
copy=. 2!:4
save=. 2!:2
save <'TOOLS'

4!:55 names 3

1 1 1
TOOLS_copy <'TOOLS'

names 3

copy names save
```

Appendix D: FOREIGN CONJUNCTION

[x] optional Names boxed, as in 0!:2<'inp'

- 0!:0 y The list y is executed by the host system, and the result is returned
- 0!:1 y Like 0!:0, but yields '' without waiting for the host to finish
- [x] 0!:2 y A script (file) input is chosen by y except that the value <'' chooses the keyboard; the resulting execution log is appended to file x
- 0!:2 <'profile.js' is executed at the start of every session
- [x] 0!:3 y is like 0!:2, but execution log is not screened
- [x] 0!:4 y is like 0!:2, but the lines in y are separated by (system-
- [x] 0!:5 y dependent) new-line characters. Case 5 does not screen the log
- 01:55 y (Or Control D)Terminate session
- 1!:0 y Directory
- 1!:1 y File read: y is a file to be read; result is a string of file contents; y may be a boxed name suited to the host file system, or the number 1, for keyboard as the source file
- x 1!:2 y File write: x is a string; y is a boxed file name, or 2 for screen output
- x 1!:3 y File append: like x 1!:2 y, but appends rather than replaces
- 1!: 4 y File size: y is a boxed file name
- 1!:11 y Indexed file read: y is a list of a boxed file name and a boxed index and length. The index may be negative. If the length is elided, the read goes to the end
- x 1!:12 y Indexed file write: Like indexed read, with x specifying the list to be written. The file positions must already exist
- 1!:55 y File erase: y is a file name
- x 2!:0 y Name class (as in 4!:0) of x in locale (file) y
- 2!:1 y List of names in locale y
- [x] 2!:2 y Save global names in locale y
- [x] 2!:3 y Protected save of locale
- [x] 2!:4 y Copy object x from locale y
- [x] 2!:5 y Protected copy from locale y
 - x 2!:55 y Erase object x from locale y
- 3!:0 y Storage type of the noun y, encoded as 2^i. 6 for boolean, literal, integer, floating, complex, boxed
- 3!:1 y Internal representation of noun y
- 3!:2 y Convert from internal

- 4!:0 y Name class of boxed name: i.7 for undefined (1 if not valid), not used, noun, verb, adverb, conjunction, other [x] 4!:1 y Name list: result is a list of boxed names belonging to the classes 1 to 5 (see 4!:0) in y. The optional left argument lists the initial letters of names to be included 4!:55 y Erase name y 4!:56 y Erase given name y x 5!:0 Fix 5!:0 is an adverb yielding the inverses of 5!:1 and 5!:3 5!:n y Representation of name y: 1. Atomic Tree 2. Display Linear Workspace Interchange Standard 6!:0 y Time stamp: in order YMDHMS. + 6!:1 y Time since start of session [x] 6!:2 y Seconds to execute sentence y averaged over x times (default 1) 6!:3 y Delay for y seconds 7!:0 y Space currently in use 7!:1 y Space used since start of session 7!:2 y Space to execute sentence y (Except as noted, 8!: applies only to PCs) 8!:0 y Query CGA mode 8!:1 y Set non-CGA if y=.0; CGA if 1 8!: 4 y Query screen attributes (4 by 2 table of digits 0 to 15 as in DOS) 8!:5 y Set screen attributes 8!:7 y Refresh screen 8!:9 y Applies editor to y, a string with lines delimited by the line-feed (10 (a.). Press F1 for definition of function keys Query Set 8!:16 y (MAC) font attributes 8!:17 y 8!:19 y Print screen (MAC) 9!:0 v Random link 9!:1 y 9!:2 y Default display forms (see 5!:n) 9!:3 y 9!:4 y Input prompt 9!:5 y
- 11!:0 y (Windows) WP driver. Press F1 for description 11!:1 y (Windows) Edit the WP string y
- 128!:0 y QR decomposition of y. Result is a; b, where a is orthonormal (+): a is a inverse), and a +/ . * b is y.

9!:7 y

9!:9 v

128!:1 Invert square upper triangle

9!:6 y Box-drawing characters

9!:8 y Error messages

				
=	Self-Classify • Equal	Is (Local)	Is (Global)	7
<	Box • Less Than	Floor • Lesser of	Decrem • Less Or Eq	
>	Open • Larger Than Negative Sign /Infinity	Ceiling • Larger of Indeterminate	Increm • Larg Or Eq Infinity	72
+ * -	Conjugate • Plus Signum • Times Negate • Minus	Real / Imag • GCD (Or) Polar • LCM (And) Not (1-) • Less	Double • Not-Or Square • Not-And Halve • Match	7 3
f	Reciprocal - Divide	Matrix Inv • Mat Divide	Square Root • Root	
^ \$ ~	Exponential • Power Shape Of • Shape Reflex • Pass • EVOKE	Natural Log • Log Suite Nub •	Power • Chain Self-Reference Nub Sieve • Not-Eq	75 76
1	Magnitude • Residue	Reverse • Rotate (Shift)	Transpose	77
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;)	Label	a . Alphabet	A. Atomic Permute	
•	Boolean	c. Characteristic	C. Cyc-Dir • Perm	9
D.	Derivative	e . Raze In • Member (In)		9
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Appendix E: VOCABULARY



